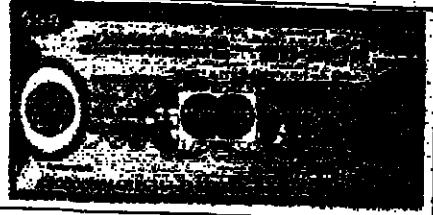


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## French bid dies in rain of shells

BEIRUT, Aug. 30. (AP) — Indiscriminate rocket and artillery duels ended in Beirut today as Syria's Muslim allies reportedly rejected a French plan to end the bloodshed.

Police said three people were killed and 50 wounded, including two Frenchmen, in the barracks of both the Christian and Muslim sectors of the capital.

That raised the overall casualty toll to at least 805 killed and 2,318 wounded since March 8, when fighting erupted between Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun's mainly Christian units and Syrian forces.

The two sides had fought along Beirut's dividing Green Line all day, but after nightfall, they plunged into random exchanges, pouring scores of mortar and rocket shells, tank fire and rockets on presidential districts.

Fires burned out of control in several neighbourhoods. Radio stations broadcast appeals to the shrinking population of the capital to remain indoors.

Christian radio stations said the central post office in the east Beirut neighbourhood of Badaro took direct artillery hits, disrupting telephone communications throughout the capital.

The French envoy, Francois Chey, was accompanied by two aides of bodyguards on the trip from Christian East Beirut to the Muslim sector across the embattled demarcation line.

As he met with Sheikh Mohammed Mehdi Shamseddine, the Shiite Muslims' most senior cleric, five mortar rounds fired from the Christian heartland exploded around the 10-storey apartment building in the Tallet Khayat district.

The white-turbaned cleric quickly ushered his guest to the hallway near the elevator shaft for safety and continued their talks for another 5 minutes, Associated Press photographer Ali Mohammed reported.

The bodyguards appeared nervous as they contacted by radio police headquarters and the French embassy in East Beirut inquiring about the escalation.

East Beirut also was under fire, and the wounded there included two French communications engineers.

Alain Guegan, 40, and Pierre Tarent, 44, suffered "minor shrapnel wounds" when a mortar round exploded nearby as they repaired a communications station in the "un Al Shebbak neighbourhood, a police spokesman said.

Scheer arrived in Beirut yesterday and met with Aoun and Maronite Catholic Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir in East Beirut. He has conferred in West Beirut with acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss, a Sunni Muslim, Parliament Speaker Hussein Husni, a Shiite, and Shiite militia chief-tain Nabih Berri.

After his talks with Sfeir in the mountain resort of Bkirli, Scheer, secretary-general of the French Foreign Ministry, said: "I'm trying to meet several Lebanese leaders who are interested in inter-Lebanese dialogue."

Voice of the People Radio, mouthpiece of the pro-Syrian Lebanese Communist Party, said Scheer's proposals have been "rejected by the nationalist (leftist) forces."

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## 35 die as bus plunges

SAIDU SHARIF, Pakistan, Aug. 30. (AP) — Thirty-five Pakistanis were killed today when a bus missed a curve on a mountain road and plunged 500 feet (151 metres) into a ravine, police said.

Officers said the accident took place near the mountain village of Shahpur in the Swat valley, 100 miles (160 kilometres) northwest of Islamabad, the capital.

The bus was on a regular mountain route between the villages of Alipuri and Alandar when it swerved on a sharp curve and went over the edge, said police.

While 35 passengers died on the spot, five others survived with injuries and were hospitalized, police said. Their conditions were not immediately disclosed.

## Strike a draw

### 11 die in India poll test

NEW DELHI, Aug. 30. (Agencies) — Eleven people were killed in India today during a national strike that both the government and the opposition claimed as a victory.

Hundreds were arrested, but there was less violence than feared.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government went to great lengths to thwart the one-day strike, called

by the opposition to back its demand for his resignation over corruption charges.

Deploying police in strength, authorities warned civil servants of serious consequences if they took part. Central government offices and state-owned industries worked fairly normally, but many people seemed to take the strike as an opportunity for a day off.

The worst trouble was in the northeastern state of Tripura, a Marxist stronghold, where seven people were killed and 40 injured in clashes between Congress and Communist Party workers.

Three people were killed in opposition-ruled Kerala in southern India.

Home Minister Buta Singh called the day of action a failure. "Defying threats to their safety and security, workers throughout the country have responded magnificently in rejecting what amounted to a call to retard the nation's progress," he said in a statement.

But opposition leader Vishwanath Pratap Singh told reporters: "The strike was near-total in its magnitude."

The strike was widely seen as a trial of strength ahead of parliamentary elections due by the end of the year.

The strike closed shops, businesses and schools, stopped rail and transport services and triggered violent demonstrations in the six opposition-ruled states.

But the strike, sponsored by four opposition parties, evoked only a limited response in the 19 states governed by Rajiv's Congress Party.

In Calcutta, the country's largest city and the capital of Marxist-ruled West Bengal state, one opposition supporter was killed and 46 others injured as police fired into the air and threw tear gas to try to separate the warring groups, police said.

Singh said more than 100,000 opposition supporters were arrested in the eastern state of Bihar for enforcing the strike. At least 36 people were hurt, eight of them seriously, when baton-carrying police charged the stone-throwing mobs, witnesses said.

About 2,700 people, including 15 lawmakers, were arrested for sitting on railroad in Tamil Nadu state, police said. Arrests during such protests are routine and detainees are released after a few hours without charges.

More than 700 opposition activists were arrested in southern Andhra Pradesh state, while 50 were taken into custody in northern Punjab state, police said.

In New Delhi's central shopping arcade, police used batons to break up clashing pro- and anti-government supporters. Opposition leader Atal Behari Vajpayee and several members of his Indian People's Party were arrested, police said.

State-run Delhi Transport Corporation operated its fleet of 3,800 passenger buses, PTI quoted an official as saying. But witnesses said most buses had few passengers.

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Amir leaves Egypt after state visit, flies to Geneva

## Fresh backing for PLO peace drive

Appeal to Lebanon; hope for final Gulf peace

GENEVA, Aug. 30. (KUNA) — HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah arrived in Geneva today from Cairo after ending a three-day state visit to Egypt. It was his first official visit to Egypt.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak saw him off at Cairo International Airport.

The Amir's visit was highlighted by the signing of several agreements cementing bilateral ties, including a KD10 million loan to develop Egypt's iron and steel works.

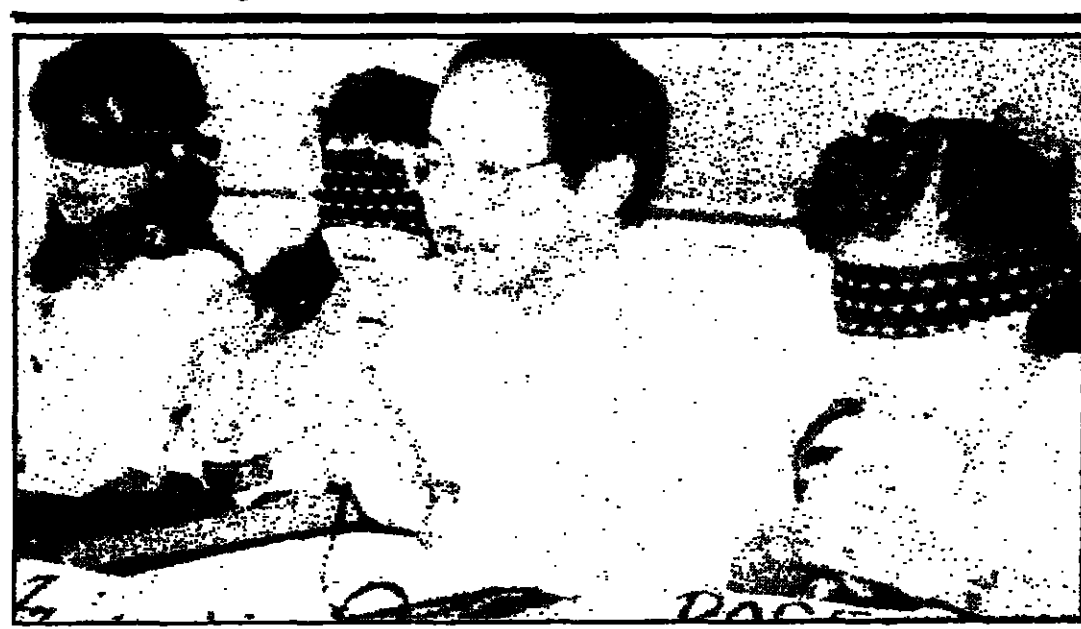
Earlier this morning, the Amir and Mubarak held a round of

talks at the Qubba Presidential Palace, state-run Radio Cairo reported without elaboration.

In a statement issued in Cairo at the end of Amir's visit, Kuwait and Egypt reiterated their support to the constructive and objective Palestinian peace strategy under the leadership of the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

The two sides expressed willingness to continue their support to the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territories.

Condemning the inhuman Israeli practices against the Palestinians in occupied Arab land, Kuwait and Egypt appealed to peace-loving forces to exert efforts in a bid to persuade Israel to desist from those



Ordeal in Tokyo

Three blind-folded Filipinas, accompanied by a priest, tell a news conference in Manila, after returning from Japan, how Japanese employers had illegally confined them in Tokyo and forced them into prostitution. The girls had gone to Japan to look for jobs but had no work permits. (Reuters wirephoto)

### NEWSWATCH

The Arab Times has decided to discontinue publishing Renter's stock market services from today. However we will continue to publish the full price information about the Kuwait stock market and trends in other major world markets.

**Leona found guilty:** Self-styled hotel queen Leona Helmsley was found guilty on Wednesday of evading more than a million dollars in taxes after a trial in which she was accused of writing off as business expenses everything from girdles to her mansion's swimming pool. (Reuters) (See Page 2)

**Dorothy Schiff dies:** Dorothy Schiff, the heiress who molded the historic New York Post into one of America's most liberal dailies during her 37 years at its helm, died on Wednesday. She was 86. (AP)



Awaits sentence

Susan Barbier, convicted of offering her 14-year-old daughter to a twice convicted rapist for sex to pay off a crack debt, awaits her sentencing in a Detroit court room. (Reuters wirephoto) (See Page 3)

**Forest fire threatens Athens:** A forest fire raged north of Athens on Wednesday, threatening luxury homes in the suburb of Ekali but not endangering the city, fire service officials said.

The fire broke out in the plush suburb at the foot of the Pendeli mountain, where many Greek politicians including former Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu have homes. (Reuters)

**Obesity and gall stones:** Overweight women are six times more likely to develop gall stones than women of normal weight, a new study has found.

While the association between obesity and gall stones has long been known, a study outlined in the New England Journal of Medicine shows a clear increase in risk even for women who are only slightly overweight.

**Bail rejected:** The Peshawar High Court on Wednesday dismissed a bail application of former military governor of Northwest Frontier Province Lieutenant-General Fazle Haq who is in jail since July 22 on the charge of complicity in the murder of a Shia leader. (KUNA)

**Risk of smoking:** Women should give up smoking not only during pregnancy, but also before conception to avoid harming their unborn babies, a British child charity said.

A research team at Cambridge University found that women who smoke damaged their placenta, through which the foetus receives oxygen and food.

"The membranes were thicker and the blood vessels were smaller in the placenta of women who had smoked at any time in the pregnancy," said Anne Luther, research director of the action for the crippled child, which funded the study. (Reuters)

**Sir Peter Scott dies:** Sir Peter Scott, a founder of the World Wildlife Fund who devoted his life to protecting the earth from the ravages of the 20th century, has died aged 79, aides said on Wednesday.

were questions as to the propriety of undercover surveillance of heads of state.

Marcos was ousted from power in Manila in February 1986 by a popular uprising led by Corason Aquino — who is now president — and supported by the military.

In a separate submission to Keenan, the assistant US attorneys prosecuting the case claimed, "the surveillance on which defendant was overheard was lawful."

Keenan said after his review of the documents, disclosure would be ordered "to the extent that due process requires."

## Bulgaria snubbed

ISTANBUL, Aug. 30. (Reuters) — Bulgarian diplomats said Turkey turned an attempt today to initiate direct talks on their row over ethnic Turks.

They said Turkish officials turned away three Bulgarian Foreign Ministry officials who flew to Istanbul's Ataturk Airport on a special flight with a UN delegation because they did not have visas.

Turkish Foreign Ministry officials were unavailable for comment.

Ankara rejects talks on Bulgaria's 1.5 million ethnic Turks unless Sofia agrees they should lead to a immigration accord to safeguard the property rights of 310,000 ethnic Turks who streamed into Turkey between early June and Aug. 22.

Turkey reimposed visa restrictions on Aug. 22, effectively stopping the influx, and later cut rail links through Bulgaria to try to force Sofia to accept an immigration accord.

Bulgaria says it wants open-ended talks and rejects such an accord.

## Journalists in Cairo protest

CAIRO, Aug. 30. (AP) — In a highly unusual move, Egyptian reporters and writers, including Nobel prize laureate Naguib Mahfouz, are protesting the treatment of jailed colleagues charged with belonging to a clandestine communist organization.

About 55 journalists, lawyers and workers were arrested a week ago. It has been alleged that the prisoners were tortured.

Attorney General Abdel Meguid Mahmoud admitted that his department was investigating claims by detainees that they were tortured, but he refused to elaborate.

More than 300 of the about 400 journalists of the state-run newspaper Al-Ahram signed petitions in the case. They asked for the release of their colleague, Mohammed Al-Said Saeed, and two other journalists (See Page 7)





### Separated

Dorothy Walker Bush Leblond, the only daughter of US President George Bush, has separated from her husband and is staying with her parents at their seaside estate, sources in Kennebunkport Maine, said yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## Murder capital toll more than 300

WASHINGTON, Aug 30, (AP): The number of killings in America's "murder capital" passed the 300 mark yesterday, following a night of intense street violence fuelled by drug warfare, Washington D.C. police said.

One man was stabbed to death late Monday night, and two more died in unrelated shootings yesterday morning, elevating the 1989 city homicide toll to 301 victims. At least one of the three most recent killings was drug-related, police said.

The 301 homicides compare with 216 deaths at the same date last year, when the District of Columbia, the capital city of the United States, passed Detroit as America's murder capital on a per capita basis.

At least 10 other people were injured in shootings or stabbings in the city during the night, a police spokesman said.

"I think any police officer who is rational is scared of what's going on out there," said officer Gary Hankins, head of the city's fraternal order of police. "It means being very much aware, more so than even normal, that the violence out there can be directed at you at any moment."

"We're dealing with a change in philosophy involving a significant faction of the community that endangers everyone, that's how deep this thing goes. Young people and adults alike have made conscious decisions to disregard governments as a governing factor in their lives. They sell drugs and shoot people and kill people to further their criminal enterprise, with little regard to sanctions," Hankins said.

There were a record 372 homicides in Washington D.C. last year. Police estimate that 60 per cent of the city's killings during the past two years have been drug related. An overwhelming number of the victims are young.

During the past two years, discussion of drugs and murder has rivaled politics as a chief topic of conversation in the city. A local television station devotes a 30-minute programme each night to the city's drug problem.

## Lenin, Stalin brains studied Making of a villain

MOSCOW, Aug 30, (UPI): A Soviet institute that studied the brains of Lenin and Stalin found no link between "cerebral structure and supreme ability or villainy," the official news agency Tass reported today.

"The research revealed the high organisation and very large compensatory capabilities" of the brain of V.I. Lenin, founder of the Soviet Communist Party and state. Oleg Adrianov, director of the Moscow Brain Institute, wrote in the journal Science and Religion, Tass said.

"A grave disease did not prevent him from keeping up intense intellectual activity almost until his very death and writing his remarkable last articles," Lenin died in 1924 after suffering two strokes.

Near the end of his life, Lenin wrote a criticism of Joseph Stalin and recommended that he be removed as general secretary of the party. The document was suppressed and Stalin succeeded him, imposing a brand of communism that was national and repressive.

Stalin made his dictatorship absolute by liquidating his opponents within the party, purges that reached a height in the 1930s.

Despite the disparate personalities of the two men, the study "has found no relationship between the cerebral structure and supreme ability or villainy," Adrianov wrote.

A new study of the collection of brains is planned with the aid of computer technology, Adrianov said.



### Still smiling

Hotel queen Leona Helmsley smiles for photographers as she enters the Manhattan Federal Court House Tuesday in New York. The jury is still deliberating in her tax evasion trial. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Leona found guilty

NEW YORK, Aug 30, (AP): Billionaire hotelier Leona Helmsley was convicted today of tax evasion but acquitted of extortion conspiracy, ending a long trial that revealed the opulent but abrasive lifestyle of the New York socialite.

Mrs Helmsley was found guilty of 33 of the 41 counts on which she faced. The counts on which she was convicted — charging personal expenses to her business — related to evading \$1.2 million in taxes from 1983 to 1985.

Helmsley occasionally shook her head as the jury foreman read off the verdict, but she showed little emotion.

Her co-defendants, former aides Frank Turco and Joseph Licari, were convicted of assisting in the tax-evasion scheme. Turco, who had been charged in the extortion conspiracy, also was acquitted on the charge.

All three also were acquitted on mail fraud charges.

Each of the 33 counts on which Helmsley was convicted carries a maximum prison term of three or five years. She could also face fines as high as \$8 million.

Her 80-year-old husband, Harry, who heads a multibillion-dollar real estate empire, was charged in the April 1988 indictment but was not tried because the judge found him mentally incompetent.

Helmsley, 69, was depicted at the trial as arrogant, penny-pinching and mean-spirited. Her former housekeeper testified that Helmsley once told her: "We don't pay taxes. Only the little people pay taxes."

Dripping diamonds and encased in designer gowns, Helmsley tows herself in advertisements nationwide as the "queen" of her hotel empire.



### Worth a mint

Topless model Suzanne Mizzi leaves the Lloyd's building Tuesday in London after insuring her body for £10 million. Mizzi, who has just signed a £400,000 lingerie modelling contract decided that her face was worth £5 million, her legs worth £1 million, her chest worth £2 million and her arms worth £1 million. The rest of her body is valued at £1 million. (Reuter wirephoto)

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Exorcism proves fatal:** A Tahitian spiritual healer's attempts to exorcise a 53-year-old paralysed woman by jumping on her stomach have proved fatal.

Police said the spiritual healer — known as a Tahua believed the woman was possessed by a devil and tried to cure her by giving her massages with oil and jumping on her stomach to drive the demon out.

The woman died after a long session by the healer on August 26, and her family complained about her treatment. (Reuter)

**'Sand-bagging' custom:** Mothers in part of east China are being urged to abandon a local custom of keeping their babies in bags of sand, after scientists found it seriously damages intelligence, and official report said today.

Many mothers in Hunan County, Shandong province, traditionally place their babies in a sandbag to stop them crying and free them for housework and farming, the New China News Agency quoted a study by educationalists as saying.

It cited the case of one 17-year-old youth who had been kept in such a bag and taken out only for feeding until the age of four. He was now seriously retarded because of the lack of early stimulation, the agency said. (Reuter)

**Dressing down:** Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson has a new problem to solve besides the British economy after earning himself a place among this year's "scruffy" list of worst dressed men.

The chancellor's balancing act with inflation and interest rates, trade figures and income tax is taking its toll on his wardrobe, according to top tailor here, "Mr Harry."

In his annual survey the tailor who is known only by the name of "Mr Harry" gave Lawson a dressing down for his "sloppy appearance." (KUNA)

**Severe opinion:** "Too much violence, too much sex and too much politics," was the severe opinion of French television viewers regarding the programmes broadcast on their six TV channels.

In a survey recently conducted by the CSA, the television watchdog body, a great majority of them, 77 per cent, said that the viewers' opinion had to be taken into account and that something has to be done to improve the poor quality of the programmes.

They noted that most of the films shown on television, on prime time, were far too violent, if not too erotic for parents and children to sit and watch together. (KUNA)

**Swindler indicted:** A federal grand jury has indicted a former Department of Housing and Urban Development accountant on charges he embezzled more than \$1 million intended for low-income housing projects.

Douglas R. Turner is accused of depositing into his private account money from a government programme that gives developers subsidies to build housing for low-income people. US attorney Mike Norton said at a news conference.

Colorado FBI chief Bob Pence said the Turner case, discovered during a routine HUD audit, "lifted the lid off what is beginning to look ... like a mess." (AP)

**Nursing bee stings:** Some Savannah Electric Co. workers and thunderbolt emergency personnel were nursing bee stings yesterday after running afoul of more than 10,000 of the insects.

The trouble began Monday shortly after 11 am when a rain-soaked oak tree toppled, knocking over a utility pole.

The old oak's hollow limbs had been home to more than 10,000 honey bees. With their home in splinters around them, the angry bees swarmed out and kept workmen at bay for seven hours. (UPI)

**Secretly shipped:** The bodies of Circus King John Ringling and his wife Mable were secretly shipped to a Florida cemetery after lying in temporary crypts in New Jersey during a 50-year family squabble, a published report said.

The bodies lie in temporary receiving vaults at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Port Charlotte, the Tampa Tribune reported in a copyright story Monday.

The circus impresario once intended that the ringling museum of art complex in Sarasota would become his final burial site, although some relatives said he later changed his mind because he didn't want the public walking over his grave. Whether the couple will finally be buried at the museum depends on the outcome of the family feud. After 50 years, it is still going strong. (UPI)

**Storks arrive earlier:** The early arrival of thousands of migrating storks over the Mediterranean holiday island of Cyprus heralds a hard winter in Europe, according to ornithologists.

The Cyprus News Agency said today the birds, on their annual migration to Africa, had left Europe at least two weeks earlier than normal.

Cyprus' Ornithological Society said the early arrival of the storks was connected with a sudden change of weather in Central Europe. (Reuter)

**Hollywood battles:** The movie capital of the world, which got rotten reviews from other Hollywoods across the nation when it tried to gain exclusive rights to the name they share, has come up with a new idea.

Tinseltown, as Hollywood, California also is known, had tried to register "Hollywood" as its trademark name.

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## LOS ANGELES

Comedienne Roseanne Barr faces a lawsuit that claims she paid "thugs" \$50 to beat a celebrity photographer as he took pictures of her.

Barr, who plays an earthy, sarcastic housewife in "Roseanne," had no comment on the lawsuit, said her publicist Lisa Kesteler.

No criminal charges were filed, but west Hollywood sheriff's deputies were investigating. (AP)

LONDON: Actress Stefanie Powers says she was scheduled to visit conservationist George Adamson two days before he was shot to death, but her trip was canceled due to bad weather.

Miss Powers said Monday she was in Kenya visiting the William Holden Wildlife Centre, but was unable to fly to the Kenya National Reserve where Adamson trained lions born in captivity to return to the wild.

Adamson and two assistants were shot dead by armed attackers Aug. 20. Miss Powers said if her flight had been on schedule, "it's possible I could have been there when it happened."

"I am still mourning George," she told reporters at Heathrow Airport before flying to Los Angeles. "It is a great loss."

Miss Powers, best known for her role in the television series Hart to Hart, is a keen conservationist and makes regular trips to Africa to work on behalf of endangered animals. The William Holden Wildlife Centre was founded by the actor who was here companion for nine years before he died in 1981.

Miss Powers also called for an international boycott of ivory. (AP)

NEENAH, Wisconsin: Comedian Bob Hope poked fun at men and promoted women's rights as he completed four days of performances that raised \$75,000 to \$100,000 to help a library.

The 86-year-old comedian said during a final appearance last Saturday.

A husband turned to his wife and said, "How can you be so incredibly beautiful and so incredibly stupid at the same time?"

"The wife reported: 'It's God's will. He made me incredibly beautiful so that you may be attracted to me and he made me incredibly stupid so that I could be attracted to you.'"

(AP)

That's rich  
It's gold!

OSLO, Norway, Aug. 30, (AP) — Norwegian streets may not be paved with gold but one highway unwittingly was constructed right on top of \$1.4 million worth of the precious metal, reports said yesterday.

A regional highway department used gold ore as landfill while building a highway in the central Norway town of Grong, the news agency NTB reported.

State geologists said workers dug up a vein of gold that ran through a department gravel pit, dumped it in the road bed, and paved over it.

Highway Superintendent Knut Andersen told state radio he hadn't been aware of the lode but admitted that road construction was not the best use for it.

SIATOOK, Oklahoma: A burglar died after he apparently stumbled down a stairway and fell on a hunting arrow he was carrying, investigators say.

Greg Moore, 35, was found dead in his pickup truck almost one mile (1.6 kilometers) from a house that had been ransacked early Sunday, according to chief sheriff's deputy Bill Williams.

He said a passing oil field worker found Moore slumped in the vehicle, with the lights on and horn blasting. Moore had a wound in his lower chest that appeared to have severed a major artery.

Williams said cocaine, syringes and other drug paraphernalia, along with goods stolen from the house, were found in the truck.

Investigators found blood on the porch of the burglarized house and a bloody hunting arrow and trails of blood inside, Williams said. (AP)

MONTREAL: Director of Camellia of War reflects the continuing American conflict over the Vietnam war, says director Brian de Palma, rather than a fundamental problem with his film's portrayal of the war.

The film, starring Michael J. Fox and Sean Penn, depicts the rape and murder of a Vietnamese woman by American soldiers and is based on a 1969 report in the New Yorker magazine.

Veterans organizations say the film promotes false stereotypes about American soldiers' conduct in the war. Other critics have characterized the movie as gratuitously violent.

"I've got many letters from veterans who say the movie's completely accurate about the kind of things that went on there," de Palma told reporters Sunday at the world film festival. "So the thing was divided then and it's divided now."



Barbier weeps in a Detroit courtroom Monday as she receives a life sentence. Comforting her is Defence Attorney Kimberly Reed. (Reuter wirephoto).

Mom sentenced to life  
Girl raped for drug debt

DETROIT, Aug. 30, (UPI) — A woman convicted of giving her eldest daughter to a rapist in payment for a drug debt received a life prison sentence yesterday in a case prosecutors said demonstrates the "terrible power of crack-cocaine."

Prosecutor Kelly Ramsey said after the sentencing, "She can begin rebuilding herself."

Susan Barbier, 29, woke her 14-year-old daughter in the middle of the night in May 1988 and took her to the apartment of Anthony Sawyer, where the girl was raped. After the attack, Barbier and Sawyer allegedly went out together and took drugs.

Wayne County Circuit Judge James Rashid, sitting in Detroit Recorder's court, said he hoped Barbier's life prison term as an accomplice to first-degree criminal

sexual conduct will send a message about drug use.

Sawyer has been sentenced last week to 40 to 60 years in prison for his part in the attack.

Barbier allegedly forced her daughter to lie about the circumstances of the attack and later would not allow the girl to talk to police about it. Three months after the rape the girl called her father, Michael Dare, and said she and her three sisters had not eaten nor seen their mother in four days.

After Dare picked the children up, the girl said she had lied about the rape. Sawyer and Barbier were arrested in December.

Barbier, who will be eligible for parole in 10 years, did not speak before she was sentenced, but asked for leniency in a letter to Rashid.

## Chemist's new melon meter all sweetness and light

TIFTON, Georgia, Aug. 30, (AP) — Department of Agriculture scientists have developed an infrared device that takes the guesswork out of buying watermelons, cantaloupes and honeydews.

After 16 years of research, Gerald Dull, a USDA chemist in Athens, has unveiled a meter that measures the sugar content of individual melons.

Growers and consumers currently have to rely on appearance in judging ripeness and quality, Dull noted, but similar-looking

melons can vary from 5 per cent in sweetness.

"There's no one who can look at the outside and tell you whether that melon is good," he said.

The melon meter shines infrared light into the top of the fruit and then measures the amount of light that comes out the side. The computerized device determines the amount of soluble solids, based on the amount of light that is absorbed by the fruit.

Doyle Smittle, a horticulturist at the University of Georgia's Coastal Plain

experiment station, said ripeness is critical because melons can add a quarter of a pound of sugar in just a few days.

Melons need a sugar content of at least 9 per cent to taste good, and the best contain 12 per cent to 14 per cent sugar.

The melon meter is 85 per cent accurate in the laboratory, and the chemist is testing a portable version with hundreds of melons grown under Smittle's supervision near Tifton.

## Animal killings defended

MIAMI, Aug. 30, (UPI) — Lawyers for a Santeria church defended the ritual killing of goats, chickens and other animals during a federal discrimination trial, calling the blood sacrifices essential to the survival of the Afro-Caribbean religion.

"Without sacrifice, this church would cease to exist, because initiation of new leadership would come to a halt," said Mitchell Horwich, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, which has been representing the church for free.

Lawyers for the Church of Lukumi Babalu Aye and the city of Hialeah summed up their arguments Monday following a 10-day trial before US District Judge Eugene Spellman. Spellman said he does not expect to rule until late September or early October.

Church lawyers argued that a Hialeah ordinance banning animal sacrifice violates members' constitutional right to freely practice their religion. The City Council unanimously passed the ordinance in August 1987, shortly after the church opened.

The city argued that the ordinance is necessary to prevent animal cruelty, ensure public health and protect children from psychological harm.

Attorney Stuart Singer, representing the city, charged that the church's method of killing the animals, stabbing them in the neck, is "inhumane, cruel and even unnecessary."

Children can suffer psychologically by watching.

"Children must be protected, even if the protection conflicts with religious dogma," Singer said.

## Bakker looks for salvation

## PTL trial continues

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Aug. 30, (AP) — Jim Bakker's former personal aide testified yesterday the PTL founder felt he lived "shabbily" — yet moved his belongings by private jet and kept his swimming pool heated to 90 degrees.

David Taggart, the first witness called when Bakker's trial opened on Monday, also said the board of the evangelical empire in 1985 approved borrowing \$800,000 for operating expenses while voting Bakker a \$200,000 bonus.

On cross-examination by the defence, Taggart testified Bakker had repeatedly objected to bonuses and raises approved by the board but always took the money.

If convicted of all 24 counts of fraud and conspiracy, Bakker could be sentenced to 120 years in prison and fined \$5 million.

Bakker quit PTL in 1987 amid revelations about his 1980 sexual encounter with church secretary Jessica Hahn and a \$265,000 payoff for her silence.

Defence Attorney George T. Davis said the Hahn payment was made without Bakker's knowledge, but Taggart said Bakker personally approved it.

Miss Hahn is not on the list of witnesses scheduled to testify.

Taggart and his brother James

were convicted last month of tax evasion. Each faces 25 years in prison and \$1 million in fines at sentencing on Sept. 8. James Taggart, who was PTL's interior decorator, also is expected to testify.

Prosecutors say Bakker and other executives at PTL diverted for their own benefit at least \$4 million of the \$158 million they raised by selling \$1.00 "lifetime partnership" at the ministry's resort hotels in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

David Taggart testified Bakker complained during a visit to Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, just weeks before he resigned that he didn't live as well as other evangelists.

"They were showing us around," Taggart said. "Mr. Bakker said that he lived shabbily compared to Oral Roberts, the (Rev.) Humbards and other ministers."

Taggart said electric bills at Bakker's lakefront paragonage Tega Cay, South Carolina, usually ran about \$1,800 to \$2,000 a month because "the pool was kept at a very high temperature ... in the 90s (30s Celsius)."

The witness also recounted moving the Bakkers' clothing and other belongings from Tega Cay to a house they owned in Palm Springs, California, in 1984.

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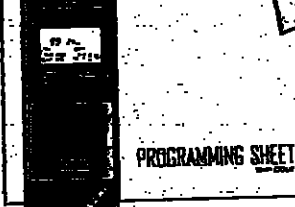
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# Medellin cartel chief offers deal

Three more judges resign in Colombia



Yitzhak Shoshani, a retired Israeli Army lieutenant-colonel, enters the police station Tuesday in Tikva, Israel for questioning about his role as a middleman in deals between Israeli defence experts and Colombian groups.



De Greiff says she will stay on the job during a press conference Tuesday in Washington. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Dealers of death deserve death: Menem

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 30, (UPI): President Carlos Menem said yesterday that "20 or 30" drug dealers should be executed to curb the illicit cocaine trade because "those who traffic in death deserve the death penalty."

He said he would analyze the drug problem with President Bush when he travels to the United States in late September.

"The law and government have to be very severe," Menem said in an interview with Radio Belgrano. "I

believe that if we apply the death penalty to 20 or 30 of these evil persons (drug dealers), we are going to advance."

"What are we waiting for to put a definitive end to this situation?" Menem asked rhetorically.

"Colombia realised what was happening. It declared a war, mobilised its troops and security forces. I won't say it happened too late, but they (the Colombians) let things go too far. Now things have reached a magnitude that we can talk of a kind of civil war," he said.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Aug 30, (Agencies): Three more Colombian judges have resigned, but the rest of the country's 4,500 magistrates stayed on the job today despite death threats by drug traffickers.

The resignations brought to 108 the number of judges who have quit since the drug traffickers declared war on the government, judges, journalists and others regarded as a threat to their multi-billion-dollar operations.

Each of three judges in Medellin, the drug cartel's base, had been investigating murders believed to have been ordered by drug traffickers.

The drug traffickers have said in a communique that they will kill 10 judges for every Colombian extradited to the United States to stand trial on drug charges.

The three judges resigned yesterday as Eduardo Martinez Romero, the reputed finance chief for Colombia's most powerful cocaine cartel, was told by local authorities that they plan to extradite him to the United States for trial.

Meanwhile, a French newspaper reported today that the reputed leader of the Medellin drug cartel had offered a deal in which drug traffickers would call off their war against the government in exchange for amnesty and a peaceful return to society.

Police in Medellin also said they foiled an attempt to fire a rocket at the distillery of a state-owned liquor company that has been the target of drug traffickers' attacks.

Martinez was arrested in the first days of the country's unprecedented offensive against the drug trade, launched Aug 18 after cartel-hired gunmen assassinated a popular presidential candidate, Luis Carlos Galan.

The 35-year-old Martinez is wanted in the United States in connection with a \$1.2 billion operation to launder, or hide, the source of profits from cocaine trafficking. He is being held under heavy guard by the national police force's investigations division.

The syndicated TV news programme Noticias 24 Horas reported last night that government authorities notified Martinez of their plans to extradite him to the United States. He was told he had until next Tuesday, to appeal through his lawyers.

There was no official confirmation of the television report, which did not specify a source.

At least three other suspected drug traffickers who could be extradited have been caught in the government's crackdown.

A spokesman at the presidential palace said he could not give any information, and the US embassy refused to comment on extradition proceedings.

Pablo Escobar Gaviria, reputed leader of the Medellin cartel, said Colombia's drug lords are prepared for total war if the government refuses to make peace, according to the French newspaper Liberation.

He proposed ending the violence in comments over the weekend to a government agent, said the Paris daily, which did not say how it obtained excerpts of the purported conversation.

But Colombian Justice Minister Monica de Greiff, whose life has been threatened by the drug barons, said in Washington yesterday that the government would not negotiate.

Mrs De Greiff laid to rest reports that she had resigned because of death threats by the country's wealthy and violent drug lords.

Mrs De Greiff said she told Attorney-General Richard Thornburgh that Colombia needed additional aid to buy armoured cars, metal detectors and other security devices to protect judges from assassinations by hitmen hired by the drug cartel.

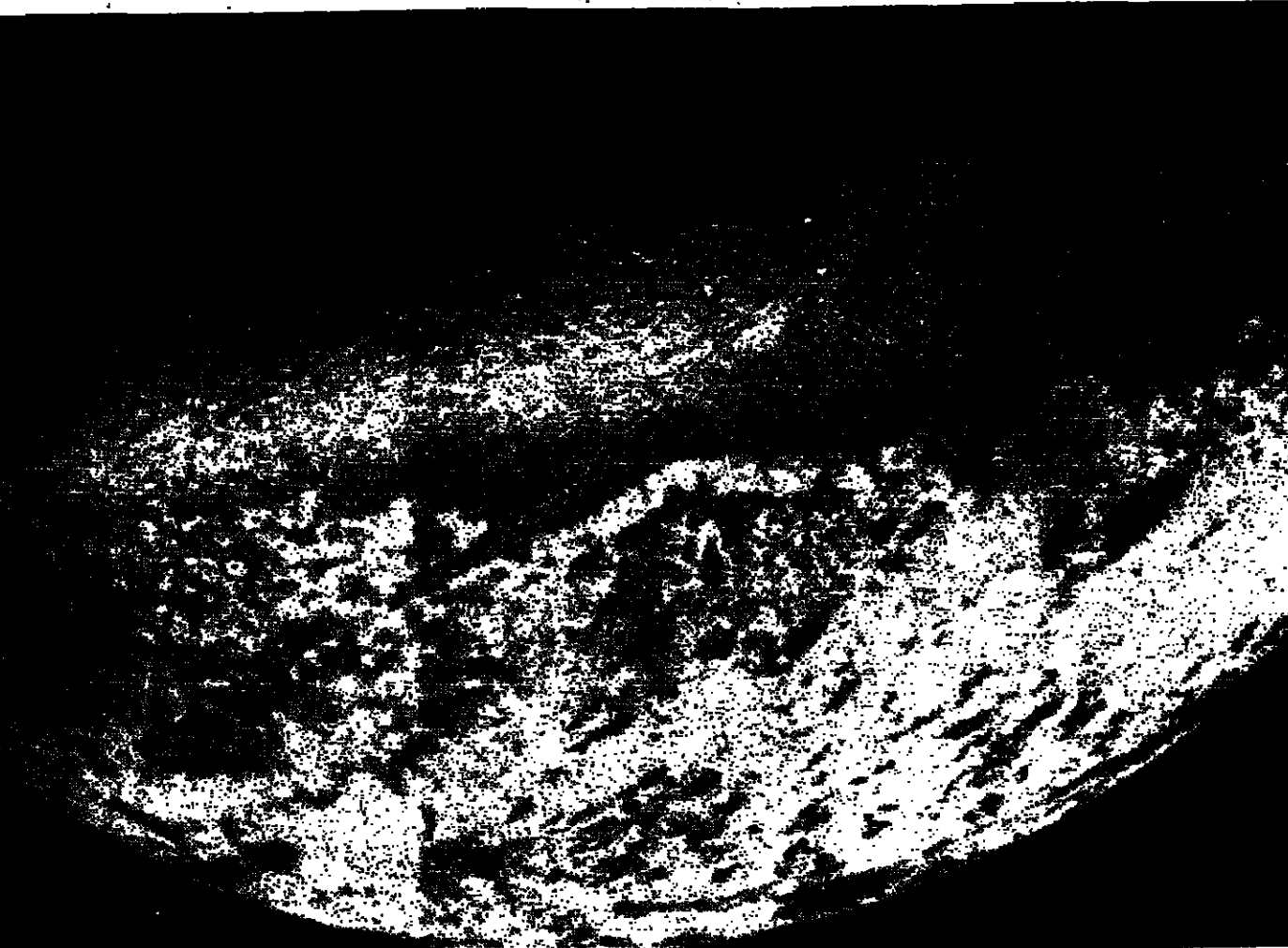
The Bush administration has promised \$5 million over two years for training programmes to enhance police protection of judges.

## Foreigners might have had a hand in Galan's assassination: Colombia

BOGOTA, Aug 30, (Reuters): The Colombian government is investigating the possible role of foreigners in the slaying of a leading presidential candidate whose death unleashed a government attack on the country's cocaine lords, according to a senior official.

General Miguel Maza Marquez, head of the Department of Administrative Security, said yesterday, "we are investigating the possible participation of foreigners" in the killing of Senator Luis Carlos Galan on August 18.

The department said last week Israeli, British and US mercenaries trained hit squads linked to the drug cartels.



Voyager 2 obtained this image of Triton during its close flyby on Aug 25. Approximately a dozen individual images were combined to produce this comprehensive view of Neptune's largest satellite. The large south polar cap is at the bottom of the photo. (Reuters wirephoto)



This is a computer-generated perspective rendering of one of the caldera-like depressions on Triton as it would appear if viewed from the northeast. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Legacy of wonders

Voyager speeds into the void

PASADENA, California, Aug 30, (Agencies): Far in the cold darkness beyond Neptune, a lonely Voyager speeds into the void, our solar system in its wake as it leaves a legacy that may aid the survival of its home planet, a garden island in a sea of space.

What wonders Voyager 2 witnessed as the one-ton spacecraft cruised the solar system, traversing an arc-shaped 4.5-billion-mile (7.2-billion-kilometre) path in 12 years as it trekked past four planets and at least 56 moons.

■ In 1979, Jupiter and its moon IO, a hellish satellite of sulfur-spewing volcanoes.

■ Saturn and its graceful rings in 1981.

■ Five years later, Uranus, knocked on its side by some incomprehensible collision.

■ And today, the probe is 5 million miles (8 million kilometres) past deep blue Neptune, with its frozen volcanic moon Triton, once flooded by seas of icy lava.

Such marvels, such sights never before seen by human eyes, were returned to earth in 81,000 photographs captured by television cameras aboard Voyager 2 and its twin, Voyager 1, which explored Jupiter and Saturn before hurrying toward the stars.

And what, one may ask, did these Voyagers, these piles of 1960s electronics, do for their human masters, for the US taxpayers who paid the \$865 million to propel them to the outer planets?

"The immediate benefits of Voyager's pictures of Neptune and Triton and their wealth of scientific information is to stimulate our intellects and to nourish our souls," said Bruce Murray, president of the planetary society and former director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"But surely over the coming generations these arcane facts will become relevant to our destiny on Earth, just as earlier arcane facts from Venus and Mars are now considered vital to our destiny," he contended.

Cornell University astronomer Carl Sagan added: "If you want to understand Earth, go look at other worlds."

From Mariner and the space probe Pioneer, scientists studied how Venus' thick clouds trap solar heat, warming the planet to 900 degrees in a runaway "greenhouse effect."

It helped alert scientists to how industrial air pollutants threaten to warm Earth, which some scientists contend could lead to flooding of coastal areas and trigger droughts and starvation.

Sherwood Rowland and Mario Molina first warned of depletion of Earth's ozone layer after using chemical formulas devised to help NASA understand Venus' atmosphere, Sagan said.

Sagan and other planetary scientists developed the theory that snarks from nuclear war could plunge Earth into a dark, cold nuclear winter and cause mass starvation of those who survived the exchange of warheads.

"The idea ultimately evolved from our attempt to understand the great Martin dust storm of 1971-72," which was detected by Mariner 9 and chilled Mars' already cold surface, Sagan said.

"The lesson we're learning is that the complexity of the universe is something you'll never imagine without looking at it," US Geological Survey Geologist Laurence Soderblom said yesterday at a final news briefing on Voyager 2.

As it surveyed Neptune, Voyager discovered six moons in addition to Nereid and Triton, which were first detected from Earth. It discovered three thin rings of debris and two broad rings orbiting the planet. It found at least six moonlets hidden in one ring.

Voyager detected in Neptune's bluish atmosphere an Earth-size swirling storm called the Great Dark Spot, 720 mile (1,158 kilometre) per hour winds, photochemical smog, invisible ultraviolet auroras and cirrus clouds of natural gas casting shadows on clouds far below.

It also revealed two types of ice volcanoes on frosty, pinkish Triton: 1,000-foot (300-metre) deep craters measuring hundreds of miles (kilometres) across that once produced ocean-size floods of ice flowing like lava, and volcanoes that may be active today, ejecting nitrogen ice 25 miles (40 kilometres) high at speeds of 560 miles (900 kilometres) per hour.

Scientists presented new findings yesterday showing Neptune's weak, tilted magnetic field doesn't go through the centre of planet but is offset about four-tenths of the way toward the surface.

## Atlantis rolled out for Oct launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Aug 30, (Reuters): The US space shuttle Atlantis rolled out for the launch pad five days ahead of schedule yesterday to be prepared for a flight in October that will send the nuclear-powered Galileo probe to Jupiter.

About six hours after liftoff on Oct 12, the five-man shuttle crew will send Galileo on a circuitous 2.4 million mile route that will take it to Jupiter in 1995.

The probe will send pictures and scientific information of Jupiter and its moons back to earth.

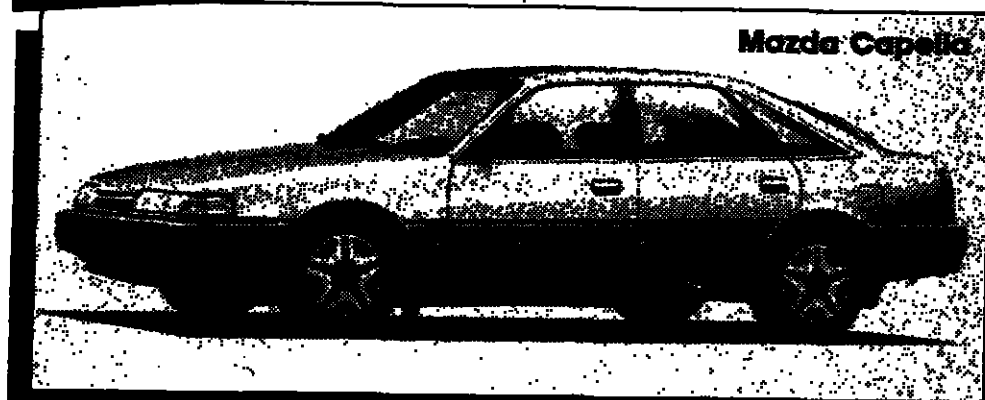
Anti-nuclear protest groups, citing the 1986 Challenger disaster, have threatened to seek a court order blocking the launch for fear an accident could contaminate Florida's coastline and "turn Disney World into plutonium world," in the words of one protester.

So far they have remained unconvinced of the US space agency's statements that the lead enclosures housing two generators containing plutonium are strong enough to withstand a blast more powerful than the one that destroyed Challenger.

"If people really understood what we are doing here, the significance of it, the risks we are taking and the precautions we are putting into place, there really should be no concern," said Conrad Nagel, who supervises shuttle preparations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

■ An Italian satellite launched to collect data on the stars has failed to reach orbit.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Crash kills 14

BANGKOK, Aug. 30 (AP) — A bus carrying 14 people and a 10-wheel truck, killing 14 people and injuring 20 others in southwest Thailand, police said today.

Highway Police Capt. Datcha Pimwan said the bus was overtaking another bus when it collided with the truck last night near Chai-an City in Thailand's Petchaburi Province, about 105 kilometres (65 miles) south of Bangkok.

All the passengers were Thai nationals, Datcha said.

## Officer replaced

MANILA, Philippines, Aug. 30 (AP) — A Philippine constabulary officer was relieved of his command two weeks after leading an assault to free hostages held by jail inmates in which 21 people were killed, the military announced today.

Capt. Pablo Gido was replaced by his deputy as commander of the 1st PC Company in Davao city, where inmates held a female Australian missionary and 15 other people hostage for three days before soldiers stormed the prison, a military official said.

All 16 prisoners and five of their hostages, including Australian Missionary Jacqueline Hamilton, were killed before troops regained control of the jail, 976 kilometres (610 miles) southeast of Manila.

## Casualties 'few'

BANGKOK, Thailand, Aug. 30 (AP) — So few students were killed during last year's pro-democracy uprising in Burma as to be "not even worth mentioning," the country's health and education minister said.

"Students must see the truth behind last year's incidents," Dr. Pe Thein said in an address to a meeting in Bangkok yesterday of scholars just returned from education overseas.

Diplomats, dissidents and international human rights agencies estimate several thousand people were killed in a series of army clampdowns on student-led unrest between March and September last year.

"I don't mean to say that there were no casualties, only that there were few," he said, of which students constitute so small a number as to be not worth mentioning," Pe Thein said.

## Rancher freed

MANILA, Philippines, Aug. 30 (AP) — A Philippine constabulary officer was relieved of his command two weeks after leading an assault to free hostages held by jail inmates in which 21 people were killed, the military announced today.

Lieutenant Colonel Jose Lailan said 12 rebels held a Benjanin Esperto from his home in the southern Philippine town of Marikina on Monday.

They released him after he agreed to return for two more days of military training.

## Cabinet reshuffled

KATHMANDU, Nepal, Aug. 30 (AP) — The ministers of Industry and of Works and Transport were dropped from the 33-member cabinet in a reshuffle today, the royal palace announced.

The announcement gave no reason for the dropping of Nepal's Vice Minister of Works and Transport, and Rabin Nath Sharma, minister of industry. It said King Birendra had made the cabinet changes on the recommendation of Prime Minister Mahendra Singh Thapa.

## Lawsuit filed

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Aug. 30 (AP) — Guinea-Bissau has filed suit in the World Court against African neighbour Senegal in a dispute over oil-rich undersea territory, a court spokesman confirmed yesterday.

In its application to open proceedings, filed Aug. 23, the Guinean government asked the court to render "null and void" a recent decision by an independent panel of arbitrators that the maritime boundary between the two nations should remain unchanged.

At issue is part of the Continental Shelf off the West African coast, where Senegal discovered oil in the early 1980s.

## Burnings stopped

CACHOEIRA PAULISTA, Brazil, Aug. 30 (AP) — The burning season in its peak in the Amazon basin but unexpected rains have prevented parts of the forest from going up in smoke this year, the top official of Brazil's Space Studies Institute (INPE) said yesterday.

"If it keeps raining, there may be some burning," Albert S. Setzer, director of INPE's Amazonian programme, told a press conference at the institute's satellite station in Cachoeira Paulista.

The burning season in the Brazilian Amazon usually runs between July and October when the rains subside, allowing big cattle ranchers and small farmers to burn already cleared forest of weeds or to burn virgin forest to extend farmland.

## Minister quitting

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Aug. 30 (AP) — Defence Minister Rob Tizard has announced he is quitting politics to wed a wartime sweetheart he met 45 years ago in Canada.

Tizard, 65, said he would resign after the next national election, which is scheduled for one year from now. He decided to quit on Monday but his reasons for doing so were not known until today.

## Chances of Filipino base accord damaged

MANILA, Aug. 30 (AP) — Filipino calls to close US military bases in two years complicate chances for extending them and may force a reduction in America's defence commitment to the Philippines, a US congressman said today.

Congressman John Murtha was referring to a resolution signed last Thursday by 12 of the 23 Filipino senators calling for the bases to be closed when their lease expires in 1991.

"We hope we can keep the rhetoric down and

negotiate on the basis of what's good for the United States and what's good for the Philippines," the Pennsylvania Democrat told the American Chamber of Commerce in the Philippines.

US and Filipino officials are expected to begin talks later this year on extending the bases. But the agreement must be approved by two-thirds of the Philippine Senate.

The resolution shows President Corason Aquino's administration lacks votes for ratifica-

tion, Senate President Jovito Salonga urged Mrs Aquino to notify Washington as soon as possible that the bases will be closed to allow time "to prepare for the termination date."

"Obviously, it can't be ratified if they stick to what they say," Murtha told reporters.

Murtha said he believes the bases are vital to the defence of the Far East and contribute economically to the Philippines. About 70,000 Filipinos work at

the six installations, including Clark Air Base and the Subic Bay Naval Base.

The facilities pay more than \$96 million in local salaries annually. The bases agreement also commits the United States to defend the Philippines against foreign aggression.

Although the bases play no role in the domestic communist and Muslim insurgencies, the United States is also the main supplier of the Philippine military.

## Roh's grip on party firmed

SEOUL, Aug. 30 (UPI) — President Roh Tae-Woo reshuffled the leadership of his ruling Democratic Justice Party today to foil factional strife and tighten up his control over the party.

Roh, supreme leader of the party, retained Park Jyun-Kyu as chairman of the party executive committee but replaced the party's secretary-general, the head of its central committee and its floor leader, an official announcement said.

Appointed as new secretary-general replacing Lee Jong-Chan was Lee Chun-Goo, 55, a former home minister and currently a lawmaker. Lee Hian-Dong, 55, another one-time home minister, was named floor leader succeeding Kim Yoon-Whan.

Ordered to become central committee chairman replacing Lim Bang-Hyun was Nam Jae-Hee, 55, a former journalist who has been elected to the National Assembly three times.

Party policy committee chairman Lee Seung-Yun and party spokesman Park Hee-Tae were retained. Lim Bang-Hyun was designated advisor to the party president.

Park Jyun-Kyu said President Roh told the party following the reshuffle that the new lineup must strive to build up a new image of the party befitting the democratic progress the nation is marking.

"There can be diverse voices within the party but there should not be factional strife if it hopes to give the people a sense of stability and popular trust," Roh was quoted as saying. "This shakeup must serve to wipe out factions in the party."

Lee also has proposed that "intra-party democracy" be achieved by filling key party posts through free competition among candidates rather than by appointment.



Anxious moments

Yang Po (left) a Chinese student in Japan, and his Chinese-Korean fiancée, Sun Hsun-Chuan await a decision on Yang's request for political asylum in Taiwan in the Taiwan embassy Wednesday. Yang fears political persecution from Chinese authorities for his support of the anti-Beijing, pro-democracy movement while he was studying in Tokyo. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Ambush in Manila street

MANILA, Aug. 30 (AP) — Gunmen killed two Philippine constabulary soldiers and wounded two pedestrians in an ambush today along a busy street in the heart of Manila.

Sgt. Paulino Tacia and Sgt. Marcelo Ascano died of multiple head wounds in the early morning attack that stalled traffic along Espana street, one of the capital's busiest thoroughfares, police said.

The soldiers, who were riding in a jeep, had stopped at an intersection when four young men approached and fired at them using .45 calibre pistols, police Capt. Marco Ubaldo said.

Two bystanders, including a 12-year-old boy, also were wounded, police said. They were in good condition, according to police.

Ubaldo said the assailants fled and their identities were not known. Assassination teams from the communist New People's Army have been blamed for the deaths of scores of police and soldiers in the capital in the past year.

Police said it was not immediately known if the two soldiers were armed. The attackers fled in a passing passenger jeep after the incident, Ubaldo said.

Meanwhile, seven people were wounded in a grenade blast late yesterday on Mindanao island when drunken Navy and Marine troops quarrelled over a woman, police said.

Police investigator Cpl. George Cornejo said those wounded in the explosion outside a police station in Zamboanga city, 500 miles (800 kilometres) southeast of Manila, included a Marine soldier, a sailor, and five bar customers, one of them a woman.

## Cambodian peace talks end in failure

PARIS, Aug. 30 (AP) — An international conference aimed at bringing peace to Cambodia concludes today with the four main factions still at war and a ceasefire not in sight.

After a month's work, the delegates from 19 countries planned to reconvene one last time to issue a final statement on their efforts to end decades of fighting in that Southeast Asian country.

But the plenary session planned this morning was delayed until the afternoon while proposed amendments to the brief draft communiqué were discussed in informal meetings among delegates, conference officials said.

No precise time was set for the plenary session, which was expected to begin as soon as agreement was reached on the wording of the statement.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean Guéguinou said yesterday the delegates were leaning toward proposing that the conference be reconvened "in Paris in some months, perhaps in the spring, when it appears that the

## Chinese entering Japan illegally

TOKYO, Aug. 30 (Agencies) — The Japanese government, saying at least 85 Chinese have entered the country under the guise of Vietnamese boat people, called today for negotiations with China to stem the sudden flow and deportation of the illegal entrants.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Mayumi Morioka announced that a total of 85 Chinese have so far been found among a record number of more than 2,000 boat people who have landed in Japan this year.

Japanese news reports said up to half of the total may be Chinese. Morioka said the official figure was based on interrogations of the boat people by immigration officials. She added that the Justice Ministry was continuing the probe.

"The Chinese side will be informed of the outcome of our investigation in the near future and asked to provide related information to Japan," Morioka told reporters.

She said China's military crackdown on the pro-democracy movement at Tiananmen Square in Beijing may be responsible for the exodus of Chinese.

Immigration officials said one of six Chinese currently in custody on suspicion of illegally entering Japan told investigators he came to Japan to find a job and would return to China if he could not find one.

The officials said the man will be deported.

They said it would be hard to distinguish Chinese from Vietnamese refugees because all of the boat people fled their countries without travel documents, such as passports, to establish their identity.

Kyodo News Service, quoting unnamed Foreign Ministry sources, said nearly half of more than 2,000 boat people who have landed in Japan this year have been job-hunting Chinese.

Kyodo and other news reports said immigration authorities suspect there may be a "relay port" in the southern Chinese province of Fujian opposite Taiwan where Chinese join Vietnamese refugees headed for Japan.

They said leaders of refugee groups told investigators boat people switch to larger vessels at the port so that Chinese can join them on the journey to Japan.

Keiji Yonezawa, councillor at the Justice Ministry's Immigration Bureau, told reporters boat people who have arrived in Japan this year should be called "ship people" because they navigate in relatively large, Chinese-made vessels loaded with plenty of food and water supplies.

Maritime officials said another shipload of 180 boat people arrived in Kumamoto on the southernmost main island of Kyushu aboard a 50-ton wooden ship yesterday morning, and 35 of them fled into nearby mountains.

Of the total, 16 were later arrested or returned to the ship voluntarily and police were searching for the remaining 19.

The officials said another group of 102 boat people, including 73 men and 29 women was scheduled to arrive in Kagoshima port on the southern tip of Kyushu later today.

In Hong Kong, three Vietnamese boat people living in conditions described as "squalid" on a remote Hong Kong island have contracted cholera and a fourth suspected case is under observation, a government doctor said.

Officials and international relief agencies have for months been fearing an outbreak of disease as thousands of Vietnamese boat people continue to flow into the colony, jamming into already overcrowded refugee camps.

There are now some 55,300 boat people refugees in Hong Kong, more than 30,000 of whom arrived this year.

## China told to stop secret executions

LONDON, Aug. 30 (Agencies) — Amnesty International called today for the Chinese government to "stop using judicial killing as a political tool" in the wake of the brutal suppression of Beijing's pro-democracy protests last June.

In a damning 48-page preliminary report on the massacres and their aftermath, Amnesty also reported that beatings, torture and humiliation of recent detainees by security forces were commonplace, sometimes resulting in deaths of prisoners.

At least 1,300 people, mostly unarmed civilians, were killed by the security forces who used tanks and automatic weapons to crush the two-month-old protests in Tiananmen Square, Amnesty said in the report, its second report on the massacres this summer.

The London-based human rights organisation said there was strong evidence that the Chinese authorities subsequently made a deliberate decision to carry out secret executions and to publicize certain death sentences in order to intimidate political opposition.

Amnesty teleaxed a message to Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng citing reports it had received about a June 1989 directive approved by the Communist Party's central committee regarding publicity of executions. The directive said that "counter-revolutionaries" who had committed the "most serious crimes" were to be executed, Amnesty said.

The directive, known as "Document No. 3," also said the "number of executed and

## Massacre: Amnesty

LONDON, Aug. 30 (UPI) — Amnesty International, the London-based human rights group, listed several first-hand accounts of the killing of young children, students and elderly people in a report today on last June's military crackdown on pro-democracy protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

Among the scores of findings in the report, which cited numerous newspaper stories, wire reports and first-hand accounts from journalists, students and eyewitnesses, were the following:

● A Polish state television reporter said that a student standing one yard (one m) from him was shot dead after shouting insults at advancing soldiers, and that he saw soldiers shooting fleeing students in the back, unprovoked and at random.

● An eyewitness who testified at the congressional human rights caucus in Washington on June 22 recounted that several armoured personnel carriers drove at high speed through a group of students marching slowly away from Tiananmen Square, crushing and killing 11 people.

"I saw the two bodies very close. One boy student and one girl," the eyewitness said. "I got a good look. They were flat. Their bodies were all bloody. Their mouths were pressed into long shapes. Their eyes were flat and big. We cried because our hearts were breaking."

● Soldiers bearing sub-machine-guns and electric cattle prods advanced on rock-throwing civilians and students in Muxidi on June 3 after several army trucks were set on fire. Eyewitnesses told Amnesty the soldiers opened fire "at anybody in sight," shooting a 78-year-old lady and others who had turned on lights in their apartments or shouted "fascists" at the soldiers.

● A foreign teacher interviewed on British television reported that an armed soldier was surrounded by civilians trying to persuade him not to use his gun. As three young girls knelt in front of the soldier, begging him not to shoot, the soldier aimed at them and fired, then turned his gun on an old man who was signalling that he wanted to leave. As the soldier tried to reload his gun, the crowd rushed him and hanged him from a tree.

imprisoned people is not to be published" but that certain death sentences were to be published "in order to make examples," Amnesty said.

While dozens of people are known to have been executed for alleged involvement in the June pro-democracy protests, Amnesty said Document No. 3 increased its fears that many more people have been put to death in secret.

Amnesty told Peng it feared that extrajudicial executions of this kind were part of an official policy to "crush non-violent protest at any cost."

Amnesty also asked Peng in its message about the fate of student leader Wang Dan, 24, who was arrested in July after the government had placed his name on a list of the 21 "most wanted" student leaders.

Amnesty said a former police officer who recently fled China is reported to have named Wang Dan as one of those executed in secret after being tortured.

Widespread thievery has deprived Chinese officials of one of their most treasured privileges — access to telephones that work.

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## Air search resumes for missing Pakistani plane

OVER THE HIMALAYAS, Pakistan, Aug. 30 (AP) — The largest search in Pakistan's history took to the skies again today as aircraft crisscrossed the Himalayas looking for a plane missing since last week.

Fleet with 54 people and fixed-wing craft, both civilian and military, scoured 200 square miles (520 square kilometres) of the rugged, snow-capped mountains but found no trace of the twin-engine Pakistan International Airlines Fokker 27 "Friendship."

On the ground, Pakistan Army and civilian truckers combed the valleys.

The plane disappeared last Friday on a 45-min-

ute flight from the Pakistani mountain resort of Gilgit to the nation's capital, Islamabad, 175 miles (280 kilometres) to the south. It carried 49 passengers, including two Americans, and five crew members.

"It's like looking for a needle in a haystack," said pilot Niaz Ahmad Bajwa as he steered a PIA propeller plane, identical to the missing aircraft, through clouds and buffeting winds between the craggy, frozen peaks.

Overcast skies, rain and snow had grounded the air search since Sunday.

"It just can't have disappeared but it seems to

have," said Jamil Rabbani, a nine-year veteran of Himalaya flying who headed a group of PIA pilots along as passengers on the search.

"We're looking for anything — a hole in the snow, a shadow on a glacier, a piece of broken airplane," he said.

The missing plane had taken a route over and through Pakistan's northern mountains — a flight known as one of the most hazardous commercial air routes in the world. But it offers a breathtaking view of the western Himalaya range and the winding Indus river valley.



## Walesa appeals West for aid

WARSAW, Aug. 30. (Reuters) Reforms would be set back throughout Eastern Europe if the West failed to give Poland's Solidarity-led government economic assistance, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said today.

In his strongest appeal for aid since his trusted adviser, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, became Prime Minister last Thursday, Walesa begged the West not to be "concocted" or to abandon Poland.

"Poland may fall apart like a house of cards if we are not helped by people from the West," Walesa told reporters in the northern city of Gdansk.

"Solidarity is leading change in the (communist) system. If we fail, others' chances of reforms will be reduced," he said.

Mazowiecki is trying to form the first government dominated by non-communists in Eastern Europe in more than 40 years. It is the first fundamental break in communist rule installed in the area by Soviet dictator Josef Stalin after World War Two.

Mazowiecki has put off naming his cabinet because he has not settled details with his coalition partners. The communists are holding out for more than the two ministries they have been offered — defence and the interior.

Solidarity's top policy-maker, Bronislaw Geremek, today ruled out communist control of the Foreign Ministry and media, two key posts in a power struggle.

But Geremek told Solidarity's newspaper, *Gazeta Wyborcza*, that the communists should have one economic ministry in addition to the two portfolios they have been guaranteed.

Mazowiecki has three months to form a government, but Walesa said he has only six months to a year to prove he can deal with runaway inflation and a \$39-billion debt before the public runs out of patience.

"Poles are too poor to buy out companies from the state. We need businessmen from the West to help us," Walesa said in the city where Solidarity arose from nationwide strikes in 1980.

"If our friends, Europe and the world, do not extend their hands with co-operation, we will lose what we have achieved," Walesa said.

"We will be set back for 20 or 30 years. But we will be able to openly accuse the West of not meeting Polish needs half way, while Poles did everything they could."

## Stolen data led to murder

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Aug. 30. (AP) Protestant gunmen claim that documents stolen from Northern Ireland's police department led to the murder of a Roman Catholic man, British Broadcasting Corp. television reported.

A top British official in Northern Ireland said today that any members of the security forces involved in such a leak would be subject to prosecution. However, he suggested the claim by the gunmen was intended to discredit police.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary, the police force of the British province, said it was investigating.

The government of Ireland, which has a consultative role in affairs in the province, said it was seeking an urgent clarification from the British government.

BBC reporter Chris Moore reported yesterday that he had met four masked men last weekend and had been taken to a house where he was shown documents and a videotape about alleged members of the Irish Republican Army.

Among those named in the materials was Loughlin Maginn, 28, who was shot to death in his home in Rathfriland on Friday.



Papandreu addresses the Greek Parliament (Reuters wirephoto)

# Moldavians likely to compromise on language

MOSCOW, Aug. 30. (AP) Moldavia's Communist Party chief, seeking to calm flaring ethnic tensions, today proposed a weaker version of a law making Moldavian the republic's official language, an activist said.

The compromise, which reportedly resulted from a last night telephone conversation between the party chief

and President Mikhail Gorbachev, is aimed at stopping widespread strikes and other protests in the republic.

The law that was initially proposed would substitute Moldavian for Russian in virtually all government and business transactions in the republic. Russians and other minorities in the republic said that was discriminatory.

The proposed compromise, outlined to the Moldavian Supreme Soviet by Moldavian Communist Party chief Semen Grossu, would make Moldavian the language for government officials and documents, and Russian the tongue for everyday contact among the republic's ethnic groups.

Vasily Nestase, a leader of the pro-Moldavian People's Front who spoke by telephone from the republic's capital, Kishinev.

Moldavia, which borders Romania, now has no law specifying which language is to be used, but Russian has traditionally been the tongue for government affairs.

Grossu proposed the compromise after reporting he had spoken with Gorbachev last night about the language controversy. He did not say whether Gorbachev suggested the compromise, but Nestase said it was widely believed this was the case.

"We think this is the most realistic compromise," Nataly Pascal, another

People's Front member, said in a telephone interview. "We support the compromise and we're not the only ones."

The Moldavian Supreme Soviet began debating the proposal yesterday. Nestase said the session would continue tomorrow.

'Lanka will be India's Vietnam'

## Thousands of people missing

COLOMBO, Aug. 30. (Agencies) Twenty-five smouldering corpses were found by the roadside in central Sri Lanka today and the head of the country's lawyers' organisation said thousands of people had probably gone missing.

The Bar Association issued its statement as Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne, leaving for Belgrade for a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement, said the government was "on top of" the security situation on the Indian Ocean island.

"We are on top of the problem," Wijeratne, who is also deputy defence minister, said in a telephone interview. "The police and the security forces are going all out to hit them (the leftwing rebels)."

A senior Sri Lankan minister has said Sri Lanka would turn to be India's Vietnam if New Delhi took an adamant stand on the withdrawal of the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) and retaliated against the island's pressure to have the troops pulled out soon.

The Indian weekly *India Week* in its latest issue quotes Lalith Athulthumudali, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Co-operatives as saying: "I am vocal critic of the IPKF's presence here. Legally speaking too, the Sri Lankan government's position is very strong. If India chooses to retaliate by taking an adamant stand, then it would suffer a Vietnam's syndrome."

Athulthumudali also told that he did not like the manner in which the Indian Army was asked to quit the place. The IPKF was not a mercenary force which we (Sri Lanka) hired to disarm the militants.

"The happenings of the last two months," Athulthumudali said, "Smacks of total amateurism."

Sri Lanka Bar Association



Premadasa

President Desmond Fernando said: "I guess the number of missing persons in Sri Lanka runs into thousands ... normal law enforcement procedures have broken down."

"The situation is chaotic. We are now seeing unauthorised Army vehicles without number plates."

Fernando said the association today sent a letter to President Ranasinghe Premadasa warning that death threats to lawyers were being carried out and would "severely impede citizens obtaining redress from courts."

The warning was delivered two days after a human rights lawyer, Kanchana Abeyapala, was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in his flat in the capital, Colombo.

Sri Lanka's most prominent human rights advocate, Prins Gunasekera, has also been threatened with death and was "out of circulation now," Fernando said in an interview.

He said lawyers suspect the threats were from "paramilitary groups working outside the framework of the law" — a reference to vigilante organisations helping soldiers and police crush left-wing rebels seeking to oust Premadasa.

The government has accused the People's Liberation Front (JVP) of killing more than 3,000 people in the past two years.

It has pledged to meet killings with killings and the death toll is mounting daily despite Wijeratne's assurance that the government remains in control.

Sri Lankans arriving in Colombo report seeing many charred human remains by the roadside and bodies floating in rivers.

In the latest incident, 25 smouldering bodies were found at Shrawastipura, in north-central province, according to residents in the neighbouring town of Anuradhapura.

They said the men were killed by vigilante squads which have threatened to destroy 12 JVP families for each serviceman's family killed.

The Front, mostly youths from the majority Sinhalese community, has said it will wipe out the families of security personnel who do not resign their posts.

In Colombo, a policeman and a rebel were killed in an exchange of gunfire today after suspected JVP members attacked a police security post, police said.

Fernando said the human rights situation in Sri Lanka was "very bad and not getting any better."

"Young people have run into the jungle in the south, scared of arbitrary arrest," he stated.

Meanwhile, a weeklong strike called by radical organisations to protest what they described as the "slaughter of civilians by government security forces" entered its third day today.

Most offices and banks in Colombo did not open and many shops and businesses were closed.



Getting the chow

Nicaraguan prisoners line up to receive food rations at a prison in Managua. Nicaragua may free 1,200 Contras today. (Reuters wirephoto)

## US calls special OAS meeting on Panama

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30. (AP) The United States has called a special meeting of the Organisation of American States to present evidence of alleged involvement by Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega in drug trafficking, US officials said today.

The meeting will be held tomorrow, just one week after the OAS dealt a blow to US hopes of ousting the general by adopting a resolution that failed to call on Noriega to step down.

The US decision to call for a meeting of the OAS council came in response to a challenge by Panama's delegate at last week's session for the United States to present evidence of Noriega's alleged wrongdoings, said the officials, speaking on condition they not be identified.

The OAS resolution last week expressed deep concern over the failure of a mediating team dispatched by the organisation to promote a democratic transfer of power in Panama.

The document called on Panamanians to settle their differences by Sept. 1, the date on which the constitution calls for the installation of a new president.

Most OAS delegates view US demands that Noriega step down as a dangerous precedent for intervention in the internal affairs of member states.

Britain's Foreign Office today also called for Noriega to step aside "without delay," adding that "the consequence of failure to do so will be Panama's further international isolation."

## Former Greek premier joins debate

## Papa goes to Parliament

ATHENS, Greece, Aug. 30. (AP) Former premier Andreas Papandreu for the first time in over a year showed up in Parliament yesterday to participate in one of its working sessions.

His last appearance in the single-chamber house was on July 5 when he was sworn in as a deputy after he was released from an Athens hospital where he had undergone treatment for heart and kidney problems.

Papandreu, who headed a socialist government for eight years before losing the June 18 elections, shunned Parliament even during his term in office and preferred to rule from his suburban villa.

The 70-year-old Papandreu came to Parliament to take part in a party leaders' debate and ceremony

on the termination of the negative social and political effects of the civil war which began in 1946 and unofficially ended Aug. 29, 1949 after government forces backed by the United States and Britain forced communist forces to capitulate.

Wearing a dark blue suit matched by a maroon tie, Papandreu looked rested and tanned from a month-long honeymoon with his 35-year-old wife, former airline stewardess Dimitra Liani whom he married six weeks ago.

Premier Tsannis Tzannetakis, who heads a conservative-leftist coalition government, opened the debate outlining the destruction that was wrought when father and son turned against each other because of their political ideology.

## Pretoria arrests scores of women

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Aug. 30. (Agencies) About 100 black and white women, including the wife of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, were arrested today as they began anti-government protest march in central Cape Town.

Police stopped the women when they emerged from a church hall to march to the British embassy. They intended to ask Britain to protest the South African government's handling of student unrest in the Cape Town area and to intercede on behalf of three black activists facing execution for a 1986 killing.

In addition to Leah Tutu, those arrested included Mary Burton, a white who heads the Black Sash Civil Rights Group, and Dorothy Boesak, wife of the Rev. Allan Boesak, a prominent mixed-race activist who is president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Many of the marchers sat in street, singing hymns and freedom songs until they were led into police vans and driven away. Scores of onlookers cheered the women.

Protest marches are illegal in South Africa, and the women acted as part of a month-old, nation-wide defiance campaign mounted by the anti-apartheid movement.

Tutu, the first black to lead the Anglican Church in Southern Africa, commented after the arrests: "I am proud of the women ... I am very proud of my wife."

"The demonstration was a wonderful success," Tutu said. "The women were disciplined and they were able to make the police behave with restraint."

A white activist involved in the defiance campaign, Willie Hofmeyer, was admitted to a Cape Town hospital today with suspected internal bleeding, his father said.

Hofmeyer has been on a hunger strike since he was detained by police last week during a protest outside a branch of First National Bank, sponsor of an ongoing tour by an international rugby team that activists say is violating the sports boycott of South Africa.

In Pretoria, two more blacks were detained by police for participating in a defiance campaign aimed at desegregating the capital city's whites-only buses. Three men were arrested Monday.

Last night, for the second time this week, shots were fired into the home of one of the organisers of the Pretoria campaign.

In other developments: — A bomb exploded early today at the home of Ahmed Lambert, a member of the Indian Chamber of Parliament, causing damage but no injuries. Police said a mini-lapet mine was used in the bombing, which wrecked a door and several windows at the home on the southeast edge of Johannesburg. There was no claim of responsibility.

Anti-apartheid militants are urging a boycott of the Sept. 6 elections for the mixed-race and Indian Chambers of Parliament, which is dominated by a whites-only chamber and excludes the black majority.

A trade union official said several dozen policemen raided the office of a predominantly black food workers' union in Bokburg, east of Johannesburg, and confiscated documents. The two largest black labour federations have been planning nation-wide protests next week to coincide with the parliamentary elections.

Meanwhile an upsurge in anti-apartheid protest in South Africa has set back any possibility that prominent political prisoners, including Nelson Mandela, would be released soon, government sources said today.



Jubilant winner

A Havana-born Republican state senator capitalised on heavy support from Miami's Spanish community yesterday to become the first Cuban-American elected to the US Congress.

State Sen. Juan P. Rodriguez won the seat held by the late Congressman Claude Pepper for nearly three

decades. Rodriguez, 37, defeated 42,638 votes to 24,647 to win the seat. He is the first Cuban-American to win the seat. He is the first Cuban-American to win the seat. He is the first Cuban-American to win the seat.

## NEWS IN BRIEF



Feeding time

Workers at Marine World Africa USA feed the larger of two beaked whales in a pool Aug. 29. The whales beached themselves in San Francisco last week and are not expected to live. The larger one has been named Nicholas and the smaller one, Alexander, is visible at the bottom of the photo. (Reuters wirephoto)

**50 hurt in train crash:** At least 50 people were slightly injured when an express train collided with a freight train carrying butane gas near Ribimaki, 50 kilometres (31 miles) north of Helsinki, reports said today.

All traffic came to a standstill on the main northern and eastern lines, including to the Soviet Union.

Rescue workers said a catastrophe was averted when buffer carriages protecting the butane-loaded cars took most of the impact.

It was the third accident on the state-owned Finnish Railways in less than a week.

**1,500 poachers arrested:** Tanzania has arrested 1,500 people and seized 1,429 guns and 962 ivory tusks in a two-month campaign against elephant poachers, the state-run daily news reported today.

The newspaper quoted Tourism Ministry officials as saying 932 of those arrested were now being prosecuted. Under tough anti-poaching laws enacted in June, offenders face a minimum jail term of 10 years.

"The operation has been very successful," an official said.

Wildlife officials say they hope the development of the army to police Tanzania's vast game reserves will halt the slaughter by poachers. Over the past 10 years, the killings have halved the number of Tanzania's elephants to an estimated 87,000.

**UK to publish:** The government said yesterday it will publish in full the findings of its inquiry into whether Austrian President Kurt Waldheim is linked to the Nazi executions of six British commandos in World War II.

A Defence Ministry spokesman, requesting anonymity, said the report ordered by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in February 1988 will be published within a few weeks, but no date has been fixed.

He declined to elaborate, and could not confirm or deny a British newspaper report that the inquiry findings are likely to be inconclusive.

The Daily Telegraph, quoting defence sources, said yesterday that the report would shed "fresh light" on the war record of Waldheim, a former UN secretary-general, who was an intelligence officer in the German army. But the newspaper added that "no major relations are likely." (AP)

**Suspended sentence:** A West German court yesterday gave a two-year suspended prison sentence to two Czechoslovak youths who hijacked a Hungarian airplane with 14 people aboard in a bid to escape to the West earlier this year.

The judge said he considered hijacking "a serious offence" but cited the youth of the two 16-year-old armed hijackers, Stefan Macenko and Dusan Luty, as mitigating factors.

He said they were only "half children" at the time of the March 29 hijacking.

The two told police earlier they had hijacked the plane to Frankfurt in a bid to escape to the West as they no longer wanted to put up with what they said was repression by the Communist Party. (UPI)

**Trains collide:** Two freight trains collided today, at Sivas, Turkey, killing five people and wounding five others, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The dispatch said the accident occurred at 0600 (0700 GMT) when the two trains coming from opposite directions collided head-on. Four of the victims were airline drivers, it added. (AP)

**Head-on collision:** One person was killed and at least four seriously injured when two express trains collided head-on early today in Australia's westernmost Vorarlberg province, a railway spokesman in Vienna said.

Several cars derailed when the two trains crashed while travelling at relatively low speed between the provincial capital of Bregenz and the small town of Wolfurt, the spokesman said.

**Honecker recovering:** East German leader Erich Honecker, believed by Bonn to be seriously ill, is continuing to recover from surgery two weeks ago, the Foreign Ministry said today.

A spokesman told Reuters that Honecker, 77, last Friday, had thanked wishes for his birthday greetings and get-well wishes following his gallstone operation.

"I can also tell you that he is making further progress in his recovery," he said. He declined immediate comment on reports from Bonn that the operation had not been successful.



Free for the taking

Drug addicts choose from a display of free condoms in a methadone bus Monday in Rotterdam. The city government started the free condom project to stop the spread of AIDS. (Reuters wirephoto)



Smiles all around

Michael Eisner (left), chairman of Walt Disney Company, and Jiro Henson, creator of the Muppets, smile as Kermit the Frog is urged to leave his handprint in wax cement.



# Arabs seek meeting on Israeli expulsion

## UN asked to condemn deportations

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 30. (Agencies) Arab states yesterday requested an urgent meeting of the Security Council to condemn Israel's expulsion of five Palestinians from the occupied territories last weekend.

In a letter from Qatar on behalf of the group of Arab states, the Security Council was asked to "consider the situation in the occupied Palestinian territory and in particular the deportation of Palestinian civilians from the occupied Palestinian territory."

The meeting was expected to be held on Thursday or Friday, sources said. Israel deported four Palestinians to Lebanon and another to France on Sunday as alleged leaders of the 20-month-old uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

This brought to 58 the number of Palestinians expelled since the start of the conflict in December, 1987.

In Washington, State Department deputy spokesman Richard Boucher said that the United States deplored the deportations. A commercial strike shut down the occupied Gaza Strip's largest city today in protest against the shooting death of a Palestinian activist by soldiers during a stone-throwing protest the day before.

In Khan Yunis, also in the Gaza Strip, soldiers opened fire during a stone-throwing protest demonstration, wounding nine Palestinians, Arab reports said.

Bank and Gaza Strip.

For 12 years, the Gaza Strip resident has given Israel's Shin Bet secret police information on Palestinian activists.

He has also acted as a middle-man between the occupation authorities and fellow Arabs in need of services or favours from the military government, relatives say.

Although only a low-paid public official, Ali drives a BMW, dresses ostentatiously and has two comfortable homes furnished for free by Palestinian applicants. His name has been changed in this article for security reasons.

The Israelis gave him a Beretta pistol and a walkie-talkie for his protection. It was not enough.

Two months ago, after several warnings in anonymous letters and telephone calls, masked activists of the Palestinian uprising kidnapped Ali in broad daylight, stealing his gun.

"He was a prisoner and driven to the bank of the sea in an unknown place, where I stayed until he was released," he said.

"I saw death before my eyes," he said of the experience.

Expecting to be killed, he begged his captors to let him go. He spent an hour with his children before dying. They freed him with a stern warning after 50 hours in captivity.

But Ali's ordeal was not over. The Israeli Army sent an ambulance to bring him to military headquarters.

Soon he was facing another interrogation, this time by the Shin Bet.

Ali told his questioners he could have nothing more to do with the Israeli authorities. But they told him there was no going back and threatened to arrest him if he did not help identify his attackers.

Palestinian militants have killed nearly 100 alleged collaborators since the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip began in December 1987. The killings have gained pace this year and many other suspects have received warnings.

Yesterday, an accused collaborator, Hussein Hilal, was buried in his hometown of Jericho after being attacked with a fire bomb on Aug. 24, Palestinians said.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin says only a fraction of those killed actually worked for Israel. They were people who have been killed in family vendettas or for immoral behaviour, say most were collaborators.

All acknowledged having interceded on behalf of Palestinians seeking travel and construction permits, drivers' licences, a reduction in fines and even permission to bring a non-resident family member from abroad.

He would not say what information he gave the security services, but an underground activist in the Fatah nationalist movement said: "He was constantly spying on our people."

Ali's family includes several active nationalists who say they are ashamed of him. He suspects they may have been instrumental in his abduction.

Torn between the street activists and the Israelis, he has quit his job and become a virtual recluse.

In Vienna a PLO official said today more and more Israelis understood the need for a separate Palestinian state but their leaders were too cowardly to face up to the prospect.

The door is open for each and every

citizen wishing to participate in the national work," El Bashir said in a speech announcing the new regime.

He said the committees will prove "the people's cohesion with the revolution, to safeguard unity... and face challenges confronting the country."

The Sudanese ruler, who flies to Libya tomorrow to help Khaddafi has persuaded only one other African country, Burkina Faso, to become a "Jamahiriya."

Khaddafi coined "Jamahiriya" in 1977

from the Arabic words for "republic" and "masses" to describe what he claims to be a unique political system of direct popular rule. As he described it in his "third international theory" in 1973, government policies are supposed to be set by the general people's congress and implemented by the congress secretariat.

The new Sudanese arrangement will enhance a system already in force in Khartoum under the civilian government. El Bashir overthrew on June 30, Its Prime



Omar Mourad, director of Tourism for PLO attending the WTO meeting in Paris. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Tourism body defers debate

### PLO membership bid

PARIS, Aug. 30. (Reuters) After strong US pressure, the World Tourism Organisation (WTO) voted yesterday to shelve the issue of Palestinian membership until 1991.

Delegates at the WTO general assembly in Paris approved a US motion to postpone any decision on the issue by 40 votes to 34. Other members of the 107-nation WTO were either absent or abstained.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) applied to join the WTO as part of its campaign for international recognition. There was no immediate reaction to the vote from PLO officials.

Delegates said earlier there was broad support for the WTO to make a concession such as providing training in tourism for Palestinians from the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Debate on such gestures was still possible before the WTO

meeting ends on Sept 2, delegates said.

The US request to defer debate until the next general assembly in two years' time was tabled by Assistant Secretary of State John Bolton.

"The PLO is not a government and should not be admitted," Bolton said earlier.

The US motion, carried in a secret ballot, came after two days of intense backroom haggling.

The United States, supported by Hungary and Australia, forced a vote on the issue after daylong discussions made it clear there was a deadlock on three competing resolutions on the issue—one from the Arab states, one from the European Economic Community and one from the United States.

The US effort was led by John Bolton, who obtained the same result last May when the World Health Organisation voted to defer discussion on the issue until next year.

'No Soviet mediation'

BAGHDAD, Aug. 30. (AP) A senior Iraqi official yesterday denied that the Soviet Union has mounted a diplomatic initiative to end the bitter feud between Syria and Iraq.

The official, who asked not to be named, said a current visit to Baghdad by a senior Soviet diplomat, Gennady Tarasov, is not connected with Iraq-Syrian relations.

Iraq and Syria are ruled by rival wings of the Baath Party and for more than a decade have been at loggerheads over political and economic affairs.

Current tensions are focused on Lebanon where Iraq supports Christian army commander Gen. Michel Aoun in his almost six-month confrontation with Syrian troops and their Muslim militia allies.

## Extremists held for luring children

### Crackdown aims at tarnishing image: Brotherhood

CAIRO, Aug. 30. (Reuters) A Muslim Brotherhood leader said today that Egypt's latest crackdown on Islamists was aimed at blackening their image and driving away potential recruits.

Security sources said today that 20 Muslim Brothers had been detained in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria for recruiting 80 children aged between five and 11, and inculcating them with Islamic extremism.

Brotherhood leader Mamoun Al-Hodaibi said the group was no indoctrinating children but routinely organised trips which included religious instruction during summer vacations.

"These trips are nothing new and are not kept a secret at all... the Interior Ministry has a well-planned plot to distort our image and ruin our reputation," El-Hodaibi said.

"It wants people to turn away from us and against us," he told Reuters in a telephone

interview.

Interior Minister Zaki Badr, who has ordered the detention of at least 2,000 Muslim fundamentalists over the past four months, said on Friday Brotherhood members were extremists, black market currency dealers and drug smugglers.

The Brotherhood, though banned as a party, is in practice tolerated in Egypt as a more moderate, middle-ground Islamic movement than some smaller clandestine groups.

An alliance of the Brotherhood, the Socialist Labour Party and the Liberal Socialist Party is the largest opposition group in a Parliament heavily dominated by President Hosni Mubarak supporters.

Security sources said 20 young Brotherhood members were rounded up from four furnished flats rented by Member of Parliament Essam El-Eryan, a doctor and

Brotherhood member.

A senior Interior Ministry official told Reuters today Eryan had not been arrested. Eryan was not available for comment.

A leftist party, the Unionist Progressive Party (UPP), said several prisoners detained last week in a roundup of alleged communists had been tortured and had gone on hunger strike in protest.

An Interior Ministry spokesman declined immediate comment on the party's statement. Security forces arrested 56 people last Thursday, accusing them of trying to change Egypt's political and social systems by illegal means and of belonging to the Communist Workers Party.

No charges have been formally made against the prisoners, said by the UPP to include lawyers, reporters, workers and students.

## Nothing found on BA plane

## Bomb hoax delays flight

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug. 30. (AP) Explosive experts and security officers searched a London-bound British Airways plane at Cairo International Airport today after a telephone caller claimed a bomb was on board.

Mahmoud Shawky, the airport's deputy board chairman for operations, said nothing was found after a search of more than two hours.

Carrying more than 200 passengers, the wide-bodied L-1011 Tristar left for London's Gatwick Airport at 2:15 pm (1115 GMT), more than five hours after its scheduled departure time.

The bomb threat came in a telephone call to the Associated Press early Thursday morning by a man who refused to give his name but said he represented a hitherto unknown group calling itself the Islamic

Retribution Organisation — Al-Kassab Al-Islami in Arabic.

The man, who spoke Arabic with an Egyptian accent, said the organisation "has managed to place a bomb aboard British Airways Flight Number 156 which leaves at 9 am (0600 GMT)."

The call came 10 minutes before the scheduled take-off. The caller sounded young and appeared to be using a pay phone because there was a pause at the start of the call.

He spoke rapidly. When asked to repeat the message, he read it through and ended by saying the act was in "retaliation for the torture of Muslim prisoners in jail."

## Hezb to boycott rebel govt

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 30. (Agencies) A major Afghan rebel leader has suspended his role in the rebels' government-in-exile in protest over its failure to hold elections, a party spokesman said today.

It was the latest blow to the rebels' self-declared "interim government of Afghanistan," already hurt by internal quarrelling and a violent feud among some rebel factions.

Abdul Qader Karzai said Gulabuddin Hekmatyar, leader of the fundamentalist Hezb-i-Islami rebel group, would boycott cabinet meetings of the government-in-exile until elections are held.

Hekmatyar had threatened a boycott earlier this month when he criticised the rebel government for not meeting a six-month deadline for elections and the drafting of an Islamic constitution for Afghanistan.

The Hezb group was accused last month of killing 32 rebels from a rival group called Jamiat-ul-Islami. The United States, the major financial backer of the rebels, condemned the killings in Afghanistan's northern Takhar province.

Since then, fighting between the two groups has escalated and the latest reports claim hundreds may have died in recent clashes.

Rebel leader Burhanuddin Rabbani called for Hekmatyar's suspension from the government following the Takhar killings.

Silghatullah Mojaddidi, president of the rebel government, branded Hekmatyar a killer who has used US military backing to destroy other rebels and other Afghans.

Despite its evident anti-Western views, Hekmatyar's group has been a major recipient of US aid channelled through Pakistan.

Peter Tomson, the US special envoy to the rebels, was meeting Afghan rebels based in the southwestern Pakistani city of Quetta and could not be reached for comment today.

Tomson is on his second tour of Pakistan, where the majority of the anti-communist rebels are headquartered.

Aside from accommodating the rebels' government, whose members are limited to seven major rebel parties, Pakistan has become home to three million Afghan war refugees.

The rebels have failed in a drive since March to take the main eastern town of Jalalabad as a possible base for their government in exile.

"They launched an offensive early last week on Kandahar, a garrison town in Pakia province where road links have remained cut off for most of the 11 years of the Afghan war."

The rebels had reported taking at least two government bases last week in what they termed their biggest offensive on Kandahar since the Soviet troops pulled out in February.

Government troops clashed with rebel fighters in several provincial cities yesterday, and 10 rockets hit the capital, according to the government spokesman and independent sources.



## Touch-up

Libyan workers give a last touch to a giant poster of Col. Muammar Khaddafi (above) in Tripoli during preparations for the 20th anniversary of the revolution that brought Khaddafi to power.

Iran's "hanging judge" Hojatolleslam Sadeq Khalkhail, left Tehran for Libya yesterday to attend the celebrations. Khalkhail was carrying a message from Iran's President Hashemi Rafsanjani for Khaddafi.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia last night received a verbal message from Khaddafi. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Khamenei emphasis on economy

## Appeal to raise living standard

NICOSIA, Aug. 30. (AP) Iranian leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei today urged the new government to raise living standards but not at the cost of abandoning spiritual goals, Tehran Radio reported.

The broadcast, quoted Khamenei as telling President Hashemi Rafsanjani and his newly approved cabinet: "People mustn't think that... untangling the practical problems in the nation's life... means moving away from the revolution's spirituality and its Islamic goals."

Khamenei warned that Islam's "enemies" want the Iranian people to think that if rulers "want to solve the problems of the people... increase production in the country... then probably this means forgetting, weakening or discoloring the goals of the revolution and the spiritual."

Parliament yesterday approved all 22 new ministers picked by Rafsanjani, despite speculation that some technocrats would be rejected by parliamentarians seeking a more radical cabinet.

Rafsanjani's cabinet contains younger technocrats, some West-

tern-educated, who will try to revive the economy and attract investment to reconstruct industries damaged in the eight-year war with Iraq.

Khamenei, who was elected Iran's spiritual leader after the death June 3 of Ayatollah Khomeini, said the vote showed that Parliament "understands well the realities of the country, understands the issues, and knows itself to be responsible in context of these realities and this nation."

Missing from Rafsanjani's cabinet were noted hardliners like former interior minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, thought to have links with groups holding foreign hostages in Lebanon, and former intelligence minister Mohammad Reza Shahraki, a fierce opponent of restoring ties with the West.

The main opposition group, the Iraq-based Mujahadeen-e-Khalq, said Rafsanjani will have to continue purging radical elements to keep his pragmatic policies on track.

Iranian newspapers reflected Khamenei's call for economic development.

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## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Conference opens

ALGIERS, Aug. 30. (Reuters) Several thousand Islamic scholars and students gathered in the eastern Algerian city of Oran yesterday for a conference on the theme "Toward a modern Islamic society," the Algerian news agency APS reported.

Algerian Religious Affairs Minister Boualem Bakli told the opening session: "Muslims face one great challenge which is how to create a civilised society in which their true roots coexist with a healthy modernity."

Chinese visit

AMMAN, Aug. 30. (Reuters) Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen will spend three days in Jordan when he tours the Middle East next month, the official news agency Petra said today.

It said Qian would arrive on September 16 for talks with Jordanian leaders on bilateral and international issues.

Diplomats in Beijing have said the aim of Qian's tour is to boost China's international profile and counter its diplomatic isolation arising from its suppression of the student democracy movement in June.

### Shops destroyed

SIDON, Lebanon, Aug. 30. (AP) Muslim fundamentalists in August blew up at least 15 shops engaged in the selling of pornographic movies in Muslim-inhabited southern Lebanon, security officials reported yesterday.

The latest attack was the bombing Sunday of a shop selling pornographic videotapes in Sidon, a southern city where armed Sunni extremists share control with leftist Lebanese and Palestinian commandos, the officials said.

Syrian film wins

RABAT, Aug. 30. (KUNA) The great prize of the international film festival held in Rabat this August was granted over the week end to "Where Do We Go?" by Bulgarian Rangel Vulechanov and "Nojoudun An-Nahar" (Day Stars) by Syrian Mohamed Oussama.

The jury, chaired by Moroccan writer Tahar Benjelloun and including Salah Abu Seif and Malian movie maker Souleiman Clisse, said Vulechanov's film was characterised by the precision and accuracy of the scenario, the mastery of the cine-camera, and the originality of the esthetics.

Oman concerned

MUSCAT, Aug. 30. (AP) Mughshas of four young Omanis were printed in the state press today signalling the first public move in a sustained police campaign to curb juvenile delinquency.

The decision to play up criminal cases, including publishing photographs of convicted criminals, male or female, follows police disapproval of the proportion of juvenile arrests or larceny in Oman.

A total of 111 juveniles were arrested for theft in the first six months of this year, accounting for 38 per cent of the 597 theft arrests nation-wide, according to the Royal Oman Police statistics released last month.

French bid dies in rain of shells

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Soviet envoy Gennady Tarasov left for Moscow today after talks with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat and under the proportion of juvenile arrests or larceny in Oman.

In Jeddah, a United Nations envoy delivered a message from UN chief Javier Perez de Cuellar to King Fahd dealing with the crisis in the Mediterranean country.

The envoy, Jean-Claude Aime, handed the letter to Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, the official Saudi Press Agency said.

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## Sudanese government to establish Libya-style popular committees

KHARTOUM, Sudan, Aug. 30. (Agencies) Sudan's new military government is establishing people's committees this week to govern in the style of Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi's Libyan Jamahiriya.

Li Gen. Omar Hassan El Bashir, strongman of the two-month-old administration, said the committees will make government bureaucrats merely co-ordinators of policies set by the people.

The door is open for each and every

citizen wishing to participate in the national work," El Bashir said in a speech announcing the new regime.

He said the committees will prove "the people's cohesion with the revolution, to safeguard unity... and face challenges confronting the country."

The Sudanese ruler, who flies to Libya tomorrow to help Khaddafi has persuaded only one other African country, Burkina Faso, to become a "Jamahiriya."

Khaddafi coined "Jamahiriya" in 1977

from the Arabic words for "republic" and "masses" to describe what he claims to be a unique political system of direct popular rule. As he described it in his "third international theory" in 1973, government policies are supposed to be set by the general people's congress and implemented by the congress secretariat.

The new Sudanese arrangement will enhance a system already in force in Khartoum under the civilian government. El Bashir overthrew on June 30, Its Prime

Minister, Sadek El Mahdi, had extremely close ties with Khaddafi.

But the functions of the previous committees have been limited to distribution of bread and alerting police to brothels and places where illegal whiskey was made.

Bashir warned today that the government must resume fighting rebels in southern Sudan if peace talks collapse and the rebels demand abrogation of Islamic laws in Sudan.



# Technology study plan till 2000

PAAET to organise scientific panels

THE process for collecting relevant information essential towards formulating a special plan towards determining courses of training to be imparted till the year 2000 has been initiated by the Faculty of Technological Studies at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET).

The plan envisages determining the needs of the faculty for teachers and engineers with the objectives of increasing the percentage of Kuwaiti teachers to a total of 80 per cent of the total staff, Dr Sulaiman Shamsul Deen, dean of the faculty said.

Two scientific panels will be organised related to electronic engineering during this year. Additionally, a number of wide-ranging studies in the electronic field will be undertaken and a seminar about transfer of technology — including a technological week will be held by the faculty annually, the official said.

He added that the faculty will organise meetings to familiarise new students with teachers of the faculty. Monthly rewards paid to students as in the past have now been discontinued as the objective in the general plan of the authority has been achieved. The faculty has nearly completed the process of finalising most of the text books for the new academic year and have co-ordinated with the students bookshop to sell these books to students at symbolic prices. These books, until last year were distributed free of charge.

To provide enhanced facilities to students, the faculty has expanded its buildings to minimise crowds at the faculty. The expansion will also provide better facilities to the faculty staff by providing additional rooms. The majority of teachers recruited to impart their expertise at the faculty this year are proficient in engineering — a speciality that is the prime concern of the faculty, the official said and added that a number of engineers have been appointed from the local market, many of whom are Kuwaiti nationals.

In furtherance of the education scene, Dr Rasheed Al Hamad, assistant under-secretary of the Ministry of Education for Planning and Development has said that its training plan for its staff have been approved. The plan includes more than 35 training courses in different majors. The courses aim at developing the efficiencies and practical abilities of the new employees at the ministry beside developing the performance.

Hamad added that the curriculum department of the ministry has finalised the preparation of all required text books for the new academic year and these will be available to all students prior to the beginning of the term. He added that two text books in maths will be given to some pupils at the 2nd and 4th classes of intermediate stage which are unified text books at the Arab Gulf states level. The two books will be used as experiments in six intermediate schools in Kuwait. The ministry will also offer a unified text book of sciences subjects for 1st and 2nd classes of intermediate stage in six schools on an experimental basis.

The official added that the ministry has taken possession of all new schools that are to be opened as of the beginning of the academic year and are presently being furnished. These new schools are located at all educational areas.

In continuation of the efforts being exerted to enhance educational levels, Bilal Al Saleh, Acting Director of Hawalli Educational Area has said that the area has begun preparations for the new scholastic year as at the end of the last academic year.

To obtain optimum benefit, the area set up a committee which began its activities by paying field visits to schools of the area to study their needs for the new scholastic year. One of the main tasks of the committee was ensuring that all maintenance works to be undertaken at different schools were completed.

The official added that the "bottleneck" of the shortage of teachers in schools of the area was solved by recruiting teachers from some Arab countries. In a move to comply with the wishes of HH the Amir, all kindergartens in the area (33 kindergartens) and 50 primary schools are now air-conditioned. Only three primary schools in the area still remain without air-conditioning which is attributed to maintenance work being undertaken, the official said.

Saleh pointed out that according to preliminary estimates by authorities, pupils in the Hawalli Educational Area for the new scholastic year 89/90 will be in the vicinity of 107,978.

## Kuwait to host symposium on organ transplants

Aim to define Islamic viewpoint

By Mahmoud Morsi

UNDER the patronage of the Minister of Planning and acting Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Chairman of the Islamic Organisation for medical sciences, Kuwait will host a symposium from October 23 to 26 to discuss transplants and foetal tests from the viewpoint of Islamic Fiqh. A total of 37 physicians, Islamic and legal scholars from various parts of the Islamic world will participate.

The assistant secretary general of the organisation Dr Ahmad Raja'i Al Jundi said that the upcoming symposium would serve as a follow-up to four such sessions, three of which were held in Kuwait and the fourth in Cairo last year.

He said that the purpose of the symposium was to define the Islamic legal view point as regards medical treatment in general with particular stress on what is legally approved and disapproved and the Islamic attitude towards transplants and medical tests performed on foetuses.

The subjects to be tackled during the forthcoming symposium would include the transplant of sexual organs in both males and females, cerebral transplants and use of foetuses in medical lab experiments, the official said.

He added that research papers have been invited from specialists in the field and a number of Islamic scholars approached for comments on these issues pending extensive discussion at the symposium.

Jundi attached particular importance to the subject of cerebral transplants which would produce major character changes in patients, especially in cases involving schizophrenia and similar complex psychological ailments.

He said that medicine has achieved great success in treating neurological diseases that affect the brain and is known as Parkinson's disease through cerebral transplants using tissues taken from the brain of a foetus.

The legality of intentional abortion of a foetus for brain tissues will be particularly discussed at the symposium.

## NCMC to serve public sector only, says official

ACTING Director of Systems Development Department of the Ministry of Planning Ali Al Doukhi has said that the National Centre for Computer and Microfilm (NCMC) of the ministry has no intention to offer its services to the private sector. He added that centre is specialised in developing computer systems for government bodies. The centre has developed 54 computer systems at different ministries besides 13 other systems currently being developed.

He pointed out that the centre is proud that it undertook the computer project of the Civil Aviation Authority which is a very sensitive project. The project consisted of 18 systems and five of them were completely finalized which are: agreements system, routes schedules system, travel and tourism offices system, price control system and flights movement system. He added that ten more systems of the project will start working in November this year, he said.

Manpower

Doukhi said that the NCMC has completed a project for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to develop the manpower system. The centre distributed the terminals and control units as well as systems over the four labour departments in different governorates. The centre has trained 120 workers at the four departments for using the system. The computer system of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour includes data of 600,000 workers in the private sector, 25,000 employees and 100,000 licences of companies. The system also records date of work permits for manpower required to be brought from outside Kuwait in order to provide ministries of interior and foreign ministry with these data. The system also records data of the workers in Kuwait according to their civil cards. Work permits are now issued by computer only which prevents any cheating of forgery, he said.



Education requirements exhibition

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, Abdul Rahman Al Khodari yesterday officially opened the fifth exhibition for Educational Requirements at the International Fairgrounds in Mishrif. Senior ministry officials, members of the diplomatic corps and other officials attended the opening.

## Dust, heat and humidity

### KISR tests aluminium resistance

THE Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research has finalised two studies the objectives of which are to improve aluminium household industries in Kuwait at the request of the Arab Light Metal Company and Kuwait Aluminium Company.

The project manager, Dr Abdul Ghani Al Imam, said that the purpose of the study is to identify the production parameter so that it will be possible to improve the performance of aluminium household works and windows through actual evaluation of the production characteristics, and operation factors and to determine the factors affecting quality and performance of the works under local weather conditions.

Testing

The study included a series of lab and field tests to identify weather-related time factor, under high humidity and temperature through the use of computers.

Imam added that the study also covered industrial factors affecting the quality of coloured products, such as those produced through electro-chemical or spray techniques. Analytical tests were carried out to determine the climatic wear and tear effects against time factor.

Under the study, a computerised mathematical sampling was developed with a view to minimising aluminium loss during the production process and reclaiming lost aluminium chips through melting.

He said that the study work team had carried out a series of field tests on a specimen of aluminium works and windows produced locally and others imported from abroad totalling 150 pieces and

utilised on 25 different buildings in order to determine the performance of these samples and weather-related factors affecting quality and durability.

Other tests aimed at analysing the aluminium window dust-proof and air-tight features against its production cost and the amount of dust and air leakage into the building, he added.

Results have stressed the need to minimise leakage for most windows, particularly since air-tight and dust-proof features are imperative in Kuwait to reduce the work load on the air-conditioning units in Kuwait.

The results also showed that local climatic conditions had a substantial negative effect on all tested aluminium sections. The recommendations called for minute locally-developed engineering specifications for the aluminium works manufactured in Kuwait so as to be efficiently resistant to the weathering effects and to increase the thickness of aluminium profiles to step up their durability and performance under the high temperature and humidity rates in the area.

Automated control

Meanwhile, the Kuwait Science Club administration has introduced Control Automation by Compressed Air into its scientific programme to familiarise its members with this field and train them in the use of these scientific systems.

Control automation has been the central control nerve for various modern day industries and the technique is widely used in automobiles, food and petrochemical industries because it is one of the safest methods employed.

## 7 exchanges shut down for violation of practice

THE Ministry of Commerce and Industry Monday closed down six money-exchange companies in the business sector of downtown Kuwait City, and another in Farwaniya for violation of their authorised line of practice.

The ministry's action was prompted by a report filed by officials at the Central Bank of Kuwait stating that a number of money-exchange companies were offering banking services to their clients, without a business licence from the ministry.

A local daily interviewed a number of businessmen in the money market who said that the owners of the closed down companies accepted deposits, traded in currencies and performed other banking services under ordinary import licences.

Eye-witnesses said that the ministry's representatives allowed the closed-down businessmen to return the deposits to their clients, and quoted dealers as fearing that they would lose their deposits as a result of the closure.

The businessmen were angry with the method used in closing down their concerns, saying that they were surprised to learn of the ministry's decision without previous warning, and that they were told to consult the ministry offices where they were given tickets for violating their practice licences.

## MPW contract

Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Hourti today signed a contract with one of the local companies to implement construction and maintenance works in the Police College.

The contract worth KD344,000 will take about 180 days to be implemented.

The minister also signed another contract with one of the local companies to construct and maintain the Musical and Theatrical Studies Institute in 700 days, with a total of cost KD6 million.

## Stiffer check on sheep at slaughterhouses

PRESS and Publication Supervisor at Kuwait Municipality, Thuwaini Al Thuwaini said yesterday that instructions have been issued to all slaughterhouses in Kuwait to apply stricter checks on all imported sheep before slaughtering them. He said that the instructions included that the slaughterhouses management should inform the municipality of any case of diseases in the sheep. Thuwaini called upon all veterinary doctors and meat inspectors to destroy the slaughtered sheep if found infected with any disease. The Slaughterhouses Department of Kuwait Municipality co-ordinated with the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources on the issue of sheep.

## 350 Quran centres to be established in occupied territories

IN order to spread the teachings of Islamic culture among Palestinian youth living in the occupied lands, the Kuwait Charitable Committee for the Support of Palestinian and Lebanese People is keen to establish 350 Holy Quran incultation centres at different cities and towns in Palestine.

On this project, a local daily interviewed Ahmad Al Falah who talked about the project objectives, implementation

stages and annual costs. Falah said due to continuous insistence of the Israeli authorities towards destroying Islamic features and identity, the committee saw it as its duty to adopt a project establishing 350 Holy Quran incultation centres at most locations in Palestine.

Regarding the project objectives, Falah indicated that this step comes as a revival to Islamic teachings through the interpretation of the Holy Quran. It also

aims at spreading teachings of Islamic culture among Palestinian youth in order to strengthen their spirits while facing the enemies of the Islamic nation. The project's main objective is to educate a Quran generation in order for them to preserve the Holy Land and to stand firmly in the face of stultification campaigns carried out by the Israeli entity against Palestinians.

Falah talked about the implementation

stages of the project by saying that the committee intends to establish these centres in city, town and camp mosques. He indicated that each of the centres will accommodate twenty students from the third and fourth primary grades, in addition to appointing a qualified teacher at each centre to supervise teaching. Falah stated that eight years is the estimated period required by students to memorise the Holy Quran.

He added that teachers at these centres will receive KD15 as monthly bonuses in addition to salaries, and students will obtain KD2 as assistance. He pointed out that each centre will have an annual cost of KD700.

Falah called upon charitable individuals and the public to support this project saying that any one could contribute to the costs of any Holy Quran incultation centres or just a part of the cost.

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# Stiff penalties for traffic violators

## New law submitted to interior minister

DIRECTOR of the General Traffic Department, Brig. Abdul Hamid Al Hajji said today that stricter penalties will be imposed on traffic violators in Kuwait. He told KUNA that a new traffic law was recently submitted to the interior minister which includes stiff penalties on traffic violators, particularly those who cross the

red traffic light. He added that the new law pays special attention to this issue.

Brig. Al Hajji said that the traffic department conducted in the past few months several experiments on the camera system to be used in detecting violators of red traffic lights. But he said that this system is still under study by the department as one

of the options to deal with traffic light violators. He said that the department at present favours stiffening the penalties on those who commit this violation as the best means to curb them.

Plans  
Hajji said that there are several other plans and ideas about the development of

the traffic system in the country. He said that the main criteria is to increase the penalties on violators of traffic rules and these plans and ideas were included in the new traffic draft law. Hajji also said that the issue of increasing the maximum speed limit on motorways to 140 kph is still under consideration by the department.

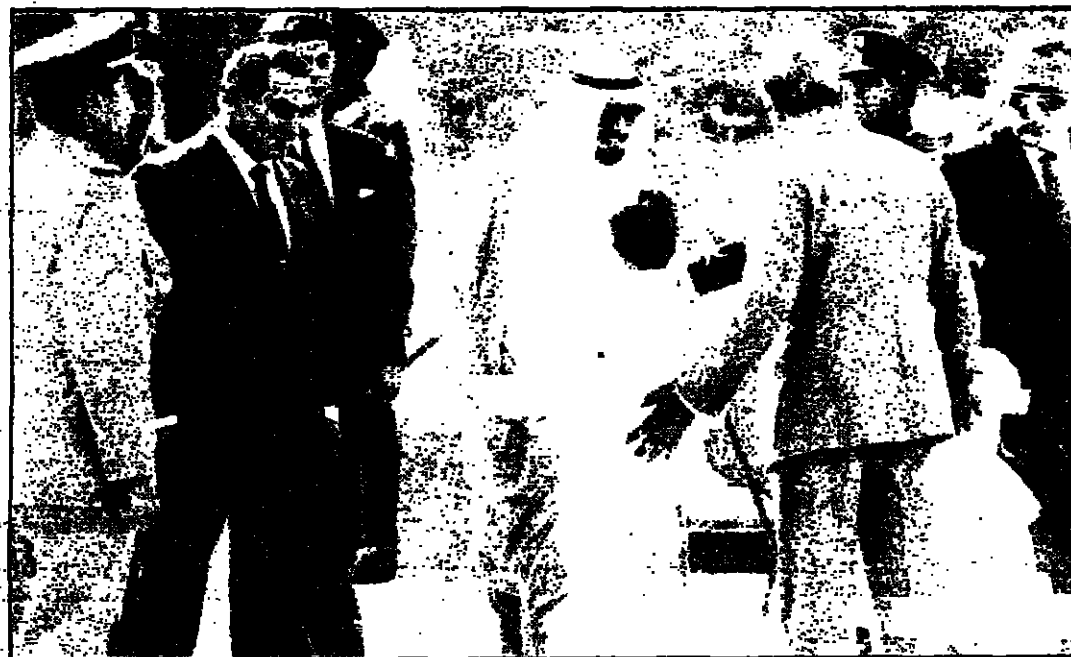


HH the Amir leaves Egypt for Kuwait

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak saw HH the Amir off at Cairo airport yesterday. Various Egyptian ministers and other senior officials along with Kuwait Embassy staff bid goodbye to the Amir. Pictures above show HH with President Mubarak and below (right)



receiving a bouquet of flowers from a young Egyptian and (left) waving goodbye as he boards the KAC jumbo.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Premier's audiences

KUWAIT, Aug. 30, (KUNA): HH Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah received at Bayan Palace today information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saad Mohammed Al Othaimi.

HH the Deputy Amir also received in audience Sulaiman Hmoud Zaid Al Khaled, Ambassador Mirjan Al Hamad and Secretary-General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters Dr Farouq Al Omar.

### Sabah receives

KUWAIT, Aug. 30, (KUNA): Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad today received in audience Trade and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razaq Al Khaled on the occasion of his return home from Syria where he took part in the opening ceremony of the International Fair of Damascus.

Sheikh Sabah also received Kuwait's Ambassador to Aden Fawzi Al Jassim.

### Arab journalists

KUWAIT, Aug. 30, (KUNA): Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohamed Al Ahmed Al Jaber received at his office today a number of correspondents of Arab newspapers and magazines, based in Paris.

### Kuwaiti envoy

KUWAIT, Aug. 30, (KUNA): Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad today received Kuwait's ambassador to Sudan Abdulla Al Siraye.

The minister also received a delegation of Arab correspondents based in Paris.

### Salem leaves

KUWAIT, Aug. 30, (KUNA): Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah leaves here tomorrow for Tripoli leading an official delegation representing HH the Amir to the celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the Libyan Revolution.

## Abu Dhabi turns away sheep from Australia

ABU DHABI, Aug. 30, (AP): The emirate of Abu Dhabi said today it had rejected 17,000 head of Australian sheep after tests showed they were diseased.

The Emirates news agency, WAM, quoted officials as saying the sheep had been found by clinical tests to be carrying Maltese fever. Arrangements were being made to re-export the animals, they said.

Abu Dhabi, capital of the seven emirates, became the second Gulf trade partner after Saudi Arabia to reject Australian sheep recently on grounds that they were diseased, a claim that Australian officials have vehemently denied.

Australia suspended live sheep deliveries to Saudi Arabia after the Saudis turned away five shipments of more than 200,000 animals, saying they carried viruses known as bluetongue disease and sheep pox.

Local news reports quoted officials as saying the 17,000 rejected by Abu Dhabi were among those rejected previously by the Saudis. Medical experts said Maltese fever, a mild form of brucellosis, is a bacterial infection as opposed to a virus.

Jaasim Mohammed Darwish, head of UAE municipalities, was quoted by the Khaleej Times as saying the animals had been found "unfit for human consumption." He said that in the future, Abu Dhabi would not accept any animals rejected previously by other members of the Gulf Co-operation Council.

## KPTC plans route to Jordan early next year

### Passenger transport

By Jamal Ameen

ASSISTANT Managing Director for Operations at the Kuwait Public Transport Company (KPTC) and secretary of the Kuwait Overland Transport Union Issam Al Rifai has said that KPTC is planning to operate an overland passenger transport route linking Kuwait to Jordan starting early next year.

In an exclusive interview with Seyassah/Arab Times, he said that the proposed Kuwait-Jordan route will be further expanded to link Amman to Cairo at a subsequent stage in the future. The operation of this route will promote overland transport services between the two countries and fulfill the aspirations of both governments. This project falls within the framework of an official agreement recently concluded between the two countries.

Buses  
The KPTC has therefore signed a contract with an international manufacturer to supply ten customised buses with state-of-the-art service technologies and that a number of these buses are scheduled for delivery early in September.

He added that KPTC has already concluded a number of agreements with its counterpart transport services in the Arab world seeking to promote co-operation in this field and exchange professional expertise. Some of these agreements have been signed with the Yemeni Public Overland Transport

Authority, Tunisian National Transport Company and the Saudi Collective Transport Company, to name a few. Similar other agreements are already in force with Egypt and Iraq.

KPTC is planning to construct a passenger transport route inside Jahra governorate, which would be fully operational as of next year. Another will be inaugurated in the not too distant future linking Kuwait City to the tenth area in Quraia.

KPTC services fall into two categories: collective transport and public transport and beneficiaries from the first category includes ministries and government institutions, while the public transport services were meant for ordinary laymen.

KPTC has a fleet of 1600 buses of which 1100 are placed at the service of the Education Ministry, 97 operating at the Ministry of Industry, 25 serving the Ministry of Defence, 8 used by Kuwait University, 13 by the General Customs Department and two given to the Ministry of Interior.

KPTC public transport services totalled 119 million passengers, as recorded last year, and that work pressure recorded during peak hours, particularly in bachelor residential concentration areas and high-density area is receiving full attention from the KPTC officials. Additional buses are deployed to ease off high-pressure demand during rush and peak hours.

The official underlined continued KPTC effort to link far-located areas to Kuwait City

through the expansion of its operating routes and construction of more transport channels, stressing that the KPTC had already finished equipping five bus terminals in Jabriya, Mesilah, Jleeb Al Shiyukh and Fahaheel.

He added that the Sharq main bus terminal complex was still under construction and that it is expected to be operational before the end of the current year. The project is one of the biggest undertaken by the KPTC.

He also said that two terminals will be constructed by the KPTC, one to be located in the vicinity of Darwazat Abdul Razaq, the other opposite to Salhiya Police Station in Fahd Al Salem Street. Meanwhile, studies to build a main bus terminal in Qibla to replace the one in front of Kuwait Sheraton Hotel, are being undertaken.

He highlighted the KPTC's intention to Arabise its 4000 working staff, who formed a mixture of Arab and Asian nationalities. The existing percentage of Arab staff is high and mainly come from Egypt, Tunisia and the Sudan and exhibited high performance.

He said that the services offered by certain private passenger transport companies were below standard, particularly those operating on the route to Egypt, Jordan and Syria. The majority of their buses are technically obsolete and consequently mar the civilised image of transport services in Kuwait.

## Children express attachment to maids

### Loving, caring and friendly

A LARGE number of children expressed strong attachment to their maids because they said maids provide them love, care and friendship which they lack from their parents. A local daily interviewed a number of boys and girls since they are considered the element most directly influenced by maids.

Abdul Aziz Hamed Al Roshood, a student in the primary stage of education said that maids are kind humans and that he cannot imagine life without them. He has grown accustomed to having a maid in his family. He said that having a maid is very normal and that everything seems to go smoother while she is around.

Sometimes when she (the maid) gets sick, I avoid requesting anything from her and I will be glad to serve myself, Roshood said, and added that he loves her a lot and is adversely affected if she left for a short time. He said that he does not mind helping his mother with housework if the maid has to leave.

Stranger  
Hanadi Abdullah, a student at the secondary stage indicated that her family was forced to bring a maid to the house due to the fact that her mother is a working lady. She added that she cannot stand maids around the house and will not by any means accept the fact that the maid is doing something which may relate to her directly. Why ask the maid when we can do it ourselves? She is a stranger in the

house, so why trust her with everything, Hanadi said.

She added that she is waiting for that day when the maid leaves her house, so she can do everything on her own. If I had the decision in my hand, I will prevent her from entering our house, she stressed.

Mother's help  
Heba Al Arbeed, student at the intermediate stage indicated that it is important to have a maid in the house in order to answer to their needs. She added that it is difficult for her mother to do all housework by herself.

Therefore, it is good for somebody to come and help her, despite the fact that her mother is not a working lady, Heba pointed out that may be because the maid is helping her mother doing housework she likes her a lot. She is strange to us, but I would like her to stay with us and never leave our home because I will be very sad if she did, he added.

A child in the intermediate stage said that though his mother taught him out to depend on himself and not to depend on maids, he still thinks that maids are important because she answers to many of our needs.

He indicated that their house maid is very quiet and kind and will not cause any of the problems he usually reads or hears about from friends.

Farah Al Roshood, considers their maid as a family member because she is very close to him. She said that she feels that their

maid is special because she is kind and good to her. She feels strongly attached and comfortable when she is around. Therefore, she prefers if she (the maid) stays with them for ever.

Farah does not have any fears or worries from things that she hears about maids problems. She said that she serves herself when the maid is not around.

Dislike  
Abdullah Saeed, a child in the primary stage said that he dislikes their maid and does not know why he does not like her around the house. He added that he feels the same towards all maids. He hoped that one day the maid will leave their house and will not be replaced by another.

Pay Hamed, a child in the primary stage said that she finds maids very nice to her because they get her anything she wants. She added that she considers their maid as one of the family members but she won't be upset if she left them because it is normal she added.

Ammar Ghazi, a student at the intermediate stage said that because his mother works, she needs somebody to help her in running house affairs. He added that their maid does a lot of housework and that she never refused any request or orders. She loves all of us and she is kind to us when mother is not home, he said.

Bodour Khalaf, a child in the primary stage said that she loves her maid a lot and always likes to sleep beside her because she tells her stories until she falls asleep.

## Fresh backing for PLO

(Continued from Page 1)

port to the efforts of the UN secretary-general aimed at implementing the Security Council Resolution 598.

The statement said the two sides held comprehensive talks in the context of the strong relations between the two sisterly countries.

The statement added the views of two countries were identical in various fields. It added Mubarak had expressed his country's keenness on the security and stability of the Arab Gulf as part of the Arab national security.

It said Mubarak highly appreciated the efforts exerted by the Amir in his capacity as chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference and his efforts to boost Afro-Arab co-operation.

The Amir expressed his confidence that election of Mubarak to the chairmanship of the Organisation of African Unity would strengthen Afro-Arab co-operation and assist in overcoming difficulties facing the struggling African peoples.

The two leaders exchanged views on the foreign debt of developing countries and reviewed the Amir's initiative in this regard before the UN General Assembly, stressing the need to reach a collective settlement acceptable to all.

The statement said the two sides expressed hope that the upcoming summit conference of the Non-Aligned Movement would take steps to efficiently handle important issues and to cope with the development in the international arena.

On the sphere of bilateral relations, the two countries noted with relief the positive trend of co-operation between them and agreed to take necessary measures to further strengthen it.

The statement said the two sides expressed their satisfaction at the progress of work at projects in Egypt being financed by the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and agreed to discuss the possibility of its contribution to more development projects.

It said the Amir expressed his pleasure and pride over his visit to Egypt and thanked the Egypt-

ian people and government for the warm reception accorded to him.

The statement said the Amir extended an invitation to President Mubarak to visit Kuwait which the latter accepted.

Kuwait's Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shahen yesterday met with Egyptian Foreign Minister's assistant Sami Haiba.

Shahen said after the meeting they reviewed a wide range of topics including issues to be discussed at the Non-Aligned Movement.

Meanwhile, at a reception hosted in his honour in the embassy of Kuwait, soon after his arrival in Geneva, the Amir met a large number of Kuwaitis living in Switzerland.

A group of children, sporting colourful dresses and waving flags, greeted the Amir on his arrival at the embassy.

According to Kuwait's Ambassador Salem Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, the Amir plans to spend four days in Switzerland.

## Seven-year increase in life span of Kuwaitis

THE average life span of Kuwaitis has increased by seven years during the past two decades while that of expatriates increased by six years, a recent statistical report said yesterday. Planning Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Statistical Affairs, Musaad Al Othaimi said that new life span data for the population in Kuwait covering the period from 84-86, have been completed. He added that the increase in the average life span for Kuwaitis and expatriates in the last decade is less than the increase recorded during the previous decade. This is attributed to the lower gradual relative average life span increase to the fact that average life span had remarkably improved in the past.

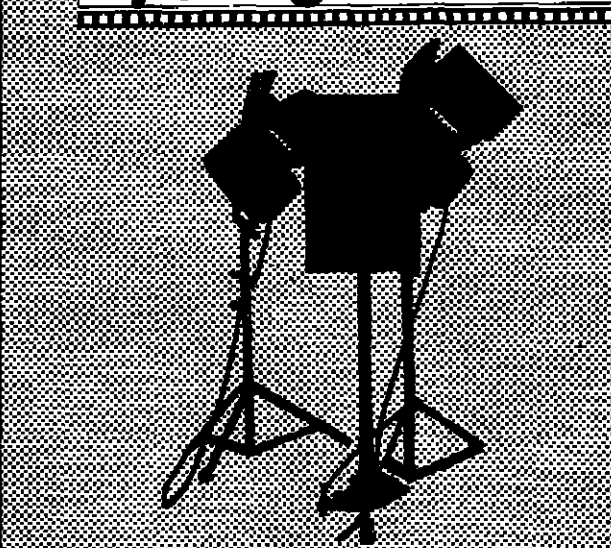
He added that the average life span for Kuwaiti males averages 69.44 years and for females 73.69 years. The average life span for expatriate males is 71.48 years and for females is 75.49.

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## GCC law to combat drugs

THE drug combatting authorities in the GCC states will discuss the final context of a new unified draft law for combatting drugs in the GCC states. The GCC General Secretariat announced yesterday that director generals of the drug combatting departments in the GCC states will hold their fifth meeting in Manama on Monday, Sept 4 to discuss the draft law and other issues. During the two-day meet-

ing, the officials will also discuss an anti-drug media programme prepared by the general secretariat. They will discuss exchange of information on drug cases and also discuss co-ordination in qualifying employees in their departments for combatting drugs and drug traffic.

The results and recommendations of the meeting will be submitted to the next meeting of the GCC interior ministers.

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## Atmosphere tense in East Germany

### Refusal to countenance reform

MANY East Germans say their country's refusal to countenance reform is driving thousands to emigrate and generating deep despondency among those who stay.

Not since the Berlin Wall was erected in 1961 has the atmosphere been so tense, the pessimism so widespread, they add.

Hundreds of East Germans are abandoning security to start from scratch in the West, scrambling across the open Hungarian border to Austria. Thousands more are leaving legally.

No one starves in East Germany homes and jobs are assured, crime is limited and drug abuse unknown. So why the exodus?

East Germans from all walks of life reach the same conclusion: Under veteran and ailing Communist Party leader Erich Honecker there can be no changes on the lines of reforms seen elsewhere in Eastern Europe. The range of likely successors gives no great hope for a switch in policy, people say.

They believe it is this more than material security that drives East Germans to the West.

East Germans say they are fed up with uncritical success stories in the tightly-controlled media, with cold war rhetoric against alleged psychological attacks from the West and above all with having to say what is required rather than what they think.

"I used to tell people wanting to leave to hold on, change will come. But now I can't bring myself to say it because, frankly, nothing is happening here, nothing," said one party member.

#### Rebuke

He and other communist sources say discussion at party meetings has certainly become more open but the message of reform is being ignored further up the line, for fear of rebuke from the top.

Both party and non-party members say the failure to realise there is a crisis and to recognise the need for some kind of change has widened the gap between the authorities and the population of 16.7 million.

East Germany says it has no need for reforms because its system works. Critics say it fears changes such as those witnessed in Hungary and Poland could undermine its case for existing as a separate state from West Germany.

"The atmosphere's not been so bad since '61," said one woman office worker, referring to the year East Germany built the Berlin Wall to stem a westward flow of refugees.

Several factors have recently come to a head, persuading many that the only option open is to emigrate. Many who remain are depressed, angry and determined to do no more than the minimum essential to keep the country ticking over.

Among these factors was a 98 per cent vote in favour of official candidates in local elections in May, a figure many believed was manipulated.

East Germany's backing for China's suppression in June of pro-democracy protests also enraged many.

"That really took the breath away," said one journalist. "The message seemed to be directed at us — don't try your luck with protest for change."

Yet there is no immediate sign the country's usually passive population is about to take to the streets as some people did in an abortive workers' uprising in 1953.

And there is no sign of a cohesive opposition movement such as Poland's Solidarity, which is now forming a government. A harried band of small groups shelters under the wing of the East German Protestant church.

"As soon as any group sticks its nose outside the church to build a broader movement it will be tweaked by the Stasi," said a Western diplomat, referring to the State Security Ministry.

But some East Germans say the feeling of isolation from the dramatic reforms unfolding around them is growing and could finally be expressed in some form of protest.

"One more push, like further restricting travel for instance, will send us right over the edge," a middle-aged party member said.

East Germany has strongly denied it intends to limit travel to Hungary to thwart those who want to flee illegally.

#### Exodus

Many accept this denial for now but are convinced East Berlin will be forced to do something soon to stop what is becoming a serious exodus of skilled young workers from a country already dogged by a labour shortage.

Many say travel and material benefits, often cited reasons for leaving, are important but not of paramount concern. They point to the greater number of East Germans allowed to visit the West and to comparative economic stability.

"We are more concerned about being treated like adults," said one young woman who said she had no intention of emigrating.

"Even more important, I want my child to grow up without having to take part in this big game of hypocrisy, mounting the party slogans in public and criticising them at home," (East Berlin — Reuters)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1290 — Jews are exiled from England by proclamation of King Edward I.

1704 — Forces of Russia's Tsar Peter the Great take Narva in Russia.

1823 — French forces storm the Trocadero and enter Cadiz in Spain.

1871 — Basutoland is united with Cape Colony, South Africa.

1876 — Turkey's Sultan Murad V is deposed on plea of insanity and is succeeded by Abdul Hamid II.

1900 — British forces under Frederick Roberts occupy Johannesburg, South Africa.

1910 — Austrian-Russian convention on Persia, Afghanistan and Tibet is signed, which aligns Russia with Britain and France against central powers.

1918 — Bolshevik troops attack British Embassy in Petrograd, Russia.

1922 — Czech-Serb-Croat alliance is signed at Marienbad.

1923 — Italy occupies Corfu in Greece.

1939 — Attempts by French Premier Daladier and British Prime Minister Chamberlain to negotiate with Adolf Hitler of Germany fail.

1942 — German General Rommel renews offensive against British at Alam Halfa in North Africa in World War II but is driven back to original lines.

1957 — Independence of Federation of Malaya goes into effect.

1962 — Trinidad and Tobago become independent nation within British Commonwealth.

1980 — Polish labour leaders sign agreements with Communist government establishing for first time in a Soviet-bloc nation the rights to strike and to establish free trade unions.

1986 — Moscow's secret police hold US correspondent Nicholas Daniloff on spying allegations, and his wife calls it a frame-up.

1987 — Government and opposition officials in South Korea agree on revising constitution to clear way for direct presidential elections and other reforms.

1988 — United States and Soviet Union are reported to have completed initial, 60-day inspections under Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, without detecting apparent discrepancies in their claimed arsenals.

## No one can win Afghan war

# Stalemate benefits Najib

NEITHER the Soviet-backed government nor Western-backed rebels can hope to win the 10-year-old war that has bled Afghanistan white, but the stalemate may benefit the government more, diplomats said.

Six months after Soviet troops left the country, neither side has been able to deal a decisive blow and the longer President Najibullah stays in power the stronger he becomes.

"Najibullah wins by not losing and the mujahedeen lose by not winning," said a government official succinctly.

"The most realistic things both sides have to face up to is that no one can win this war," one Eastern bloc diplomat said.

Mujahedeen, needing to prove themselves in battle before the summer fighting season ends, seem unable to switch from hit-and-run tactics to the conventional warfare needed to seize key cities. They are also plagued by bitter feuds.

Government forces earned grudging respect from Western military analysts by a string of successes against the Muslim commandos since Soviet troops left, though in fact they won little more than a stalemate.

Even Afghanistan's Defence Minister, Colonel-General Shahanaawaz Tanai, admitted to reporters recently an all-out military victory was virtually impossible.

A leaked cable from a US diplomat in neighbouring Pakistan, where seven rebel groups are based, came to a similar conclusion. In the cable, made available in Kabul, he doubted the mujahedeen could topple the government by force.

Still, after 10 years and more than a million lives, tons of weapons continue to pour into Afghanistan from the Soviet Union and the United States and the war carries on unabated.

The best example of the military limitations of both sides was the assault on Jalalabad, Afghanistan's third largest city, on the road from Kabul to the Pakistani border.

About 15,000 rebels failed to take the Nangahar province capital from some 17,000 government troops. The government in turn failed to press home its success and in effect both sides returned to their positions before the offensive.

"There was no military victory at Jalalabad," said one diplomat in Kabul. "A military victory meant they (government troops) should have pushed the rebels to (the border town) Torkham and swept them out of the country."

Lieutenant-General Manokai Managal, military governor of Nangahar, said the Army had the ability to rout the rebels but refrained in line with Kabul's policy of reconciliation.

One military observer offered another reason. "They can't... they don't have the manpower."

Of an estimated 250,000-strong government force, including tribal militia and paramilitary groups, only about 95,000 are regular fighting units,



Mujahideen load Chinese-made multiple rocket launcher before shelling government positions. (Reuters wirephoto)

he said. To try to push the guerrillas into Pakistan would spread government strength too thinly and make the Army vulnerable to ambushes.

Military observers said the government had restrained offensive operations to avoid high civilian casualties, unacceptable for a regime trying to widen its base of support.

"The government strategy has been to defend the cities and give up less important areas they can't hold," one Asian military observer said.

Mujahedeen still control large parts of the countryside, particularly in border areas near Pakistan.

In what rebels call the biggest offensive in the southeast since the Soviet withdrawal, about 500 mujahedeen have stepped up attacks on Khost but there is little co-ordination between rival groups and violent feuding has been reported.

Many local rebel commanders no longer fight the government for various reasons, including business deals with Kabul, (Jalalabad — Reuters).

## Austrians help East bloc emigrants

SINCE the division of Europe more than 40 years ago, Austrians have been offering a helping hand to East bloc emigrants fleeing to the West.

But, as Eastern Europe's closest Western neighbour, Austria is finding its role as a haven for Soviet bloc refugees strained by new reforms that allow increasing numbers to travel and emigrate.

While East Germans flooding across the newly porous Austro-Hungarian border this summer have enjoyed heartfelt hospitality, other would-be refugees from Eastern Europe find state support withering away.

Women in the border town of Moersbisch have spent days sorting old clothes, cooking food and giving a hug to exhausted East Germans who stumble in after a gruelling dash through the borderland brush to freedom.

A woman's eyes fill with tears as she surveys the large hall where tables are piled high with clothes and dazed East Germans sit over sausages and bread or puff cigarettes.

"You just have to help," she says. "Anyone with a sense of humanity has to."

The woman, who asked not to be named, has lived in Moersbisch all her life.

"I remember in 1956, my husband drove down to the border day and night with his truck to pick up the refugees," she says, recalling the mass exodus of Hungarians after Soviet tanks crushed the anti-Stalinist uprising. Hundreds of thousands of Hungarians fled to the West via Austria then.

In 1968, Austria sheltered streams of Czechoslovaks after the Warsaw Pact crushed the "Prague Spring" reforms. When martial law was declared in Poland in 1981, at least 35,000 Poles sought asylum in Austria.

Ilse Tremmel, the chief organiser of Moersbisch's assistance to the East Germans, is full of energy, giving a mother's firm hug to a 17-year-old boy who left his childhood on the other side of the East-West divide with his parents, and seeing that Austrian volunteers get needed rest.

"The help has come from everywhere," she says. "Private individuals, companies, stores."

But the East Germans spend only days in Austria before going on to West Germany. Thousands of

Poles and Hungarians who want to stay feel less welcome.

Their applications for asylum are being rejected now on grounds they are not politically persecuted but seek only to improve their economic situation.

Many Austrians perceive the Hungarians and Poles as leeching off the state — as refugees they receive free room and board plus a meagre monthly allowance — while waiting years for applications for asylum or emigration to third countries to be processed.

In July and August, some 3,800 Hungarians and Poles had welfare withdrawn and were turned out of government-rented hotels and boarding houses. They all came to Austria before May 1988, when the government accelerated asylum applications from Poles and Hungarians, rejecting most.

Interior Minister Franz Loeschmak, under fire from left-wingers who argue this violates Austria's policy of sheltering all refugees, insisted the Poles and Hungarians were informed months in advance. But many said they were given only a few days' notice.

## Iran's hardliners out in the cold

THE self-styled ideological heirs of Ayatollah Khomeini are looking to his son Ahmad to revive their fortunes after their exclusion from the new Iranian government.

"Ahmad is the living symbol of his father. Everything depends now on what he does," said a European diplomat.

On Tuesday, Majlis (parliament) approved President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani's full cabinet. Rafsanjani opted for managerial competence to achieve his aim of economic revival, through co-operation abroad when necessary.

He left out leading so-called hardliners, who welcome confrontation abroad and would bear economic hardship rather than undermine what they believe to be Ayatollah Khomeini's strict Islamic legacy.

This month, one hardliner, Mohammad Mousavi Khoeiniha, set down the challenge in a speech at Khomeini's grave.

People called us hardliners, he said. But the fact was that there were those who followed the late Ayatollah's line and there were those who did not, and they were misguided.

Western and Iranian analysts believe the hardline faction, championed by such men as former Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi and former Prime

Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi, will try to regroup around Ahmad, 42.

Rafsanjani is likely to try to find a role for Ahmad in government to prevent him becoming a rallying point for the hardliners, the analyst said.

For the opposite reason, the hardliners will want Ahmad in parliament but not as speaker, a post which until recently was assumed to be his for the taking, the analyst said.

"Ahmad was the closest to his father for 10 years but he has little hard political experience. He would be too exposed in the post of speaker," an Iranian political source said.

"But if they keep him as a symbol, and he takes their stand, then there could be problems (for Rafsanjani)," he added.

Western analysts predict the hardliners will take time before mounting any serious challenge to Rafsanjani's policies, hoping the cabinet will prove unable to solve Iran's serious economic problems.

"They may well have politics higher on their list than hopes for the financial well-being of the country," said a Western analyst in the Gulf.

Critics have already started. In broadcast parliamentary debate on Tuesday, one member scoffed at the heavy industry minister's speech. (Dubai — Reuters).



Ahmad Khomeini

## Letters to the editor

### The Indian Panorama

SIR: The observation of your correspondent from Tokyo (AT 29/8) calls for no answer since it seems to be a conglomerate of misconceived informations except for the penultimate para reading: "India has the fourth largest Army in the world second only to China in Asia. It has nuclear submarines, a flotilla of formidable battleships, a sizeable Airforce with MiGs, Mirage 2000s, vintage world war planes and is assembling its own jets and missiles."

What about India's progress in nuclear fission? The letter serves only to instigate hatred and anxiety which, unfortunately, is not becoming of a peace-loving person.

India, essentially, has to be self-sufficient and strong on the defence front like any other country, to help instil confidence from super powers who are experts in exploiting opportunities, wherever possi-

ble, to their own benefits and as a matter of existence.

Strength can only be matched by strength. So what harm if India builds up to a level commensurate to her demanding needs and command self-respect? (Why are the Americans having military bases in Japan? Anyway, that is not our concern.)

The world is moving into delicate and explosive situations. All are vainly searching for peace — some sincerely and some for others to believe so. We all know what has happened and what is going on in the Middle East. Who is behind all these fiasco and who can bring an end to this? The innocent people in this affected region have long forgotten the warmth and tranquility of a peaceful atmosphere. They were born into an agitated environment and most of them are forced to live it out not knowing what the sunny side of life looks like.

There is no point in India lagging behind pursuing

Gandhian principles in such matters and at times of need seeking external assistance only to get embarrassed by dictated sympathy and lip-service.

In the nuclear field, the big boys, alarmed and disturbed at India's strides, are shamelessly and deliberately trying to hinder her progress and to keep her caged in the backyard. Obviously, they want to see India always down-trodden and backward, the way she was at the hands of the British imperialists before gaining independence and also as a guinea-pig to experiment their medicines and technology.

We have had enough over the past forty-two years. We have learned bitter and costly lessons. It would, therefore, be unwise and suicidal to continue like this and be always at the mercy of the giants.

The day of deliverance cannot be far off.

C.K. Satyanaraj,  
Safat.

## Israel's Latin role extensive

CHARGES that Israelis helped train death squads for Colombia's drug cartels have highlighted a long history of Israeli involvement with Latin America.

From Guatemala in the north to Paraguay in the south, the Jewish state has sold weapons and military expertise to dictatorships with dismal human rights records, military analysts said.

Military experts say Israel, the ninth-biggest international arms supplier, owed much of its success in Latin America to restrictions on US weapons shipments in the 1970s.

In this period, Washington throttled or suspended supplies to right-wing military dictatorships accused of human rights abuses.

Guatemala was cut off completely in 1977 and by 1980 the entire Army was re-equipped with Israeli Galil rifles.

According to published sales figures and statistics compiled by such authoritative organisations as the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, Israeli weapons supplies to Latin America have ranged from fighter aircraft and missiles to assault rifles.

Latin American diplomats say private Israeli citizens have worked as security consultants in Central and South American countries, including Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Argentina, Paraguay, Chile and El Salvador.

One of these consultants, reserve Colonel Yair Klein, is being investigated by the Israeli government after Colombia's intelligence agency confirmed that hit squads working for Colombian cocaine barons had been trained by Israelis.

Diva Rojas of Colombia's Department of Administrative Security told Reuters in Bogota last week that mercenaries from Israel, Britain and the United States had begun arriving last year and trained "paramilitary squads" in at least three areas.

Details of different Israeli connections with Colombia's cocaine conglomerates emerged last year in US Senate Committee hearings at which a former arms dealer, Richard Brenneke, testified on a secret triangular operation involving arms shipments for US-backed Contra rebels at a time when Congress had banned such supplies.

As Brenneke portrayed it, aircraft owned by the Medellin cocaine cartel dropped weapons for the Contras in Central America, then loaded up cocaine in Colombia and shipped over in Panama before flying the drugs to the United States.

The pilots were in most cases working for the cartel. If the shipments were extremely sensitive, you'd see Israeli pilots," Brenneke charged.

According to testimony to the committee, the complex set-up was coordinated by an Israeli citizen, Mike Harari, who has been a close associate of Panama's de facto ruler General Manuel Antonio Noriega for more than a decade. Last year Noriega was indicted by the United States on drug charges.

The current controversy over Israeli involvement in Latin America points to an extensive network of connections that date back to the 1970s, when the Jewish state began filling the void left by US arms embargoes.

Right-wing military dictatorships in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua turned to Israel for military supplies.

Though some other countries also took advantage of the gap — including France — experts credit the Israelis with having pushed a particularly successful sales campaign which capitalised on battle-tested Israeli weapons and instructors.

The Israelis sold equipment from combat planes and parachutes to rifles and bullets to 16 Latin countries, according to statistics listed by the Stockholm-based International Peace Research Institute.

In the murky world of international arms deals, diplomats say the dividing line is often blurred between official action and activities of citizens with close government connections.

It is not clear, for example, whether Klein operated in Colombia with the knowledge of his government. Klein has denied training drug cartel assassins, saying his clients were cattle ranchers learning to defend themselves against left-wing guerrillas.

## Quote me

"If Maradona does not respect his commitments, if he doesn't show himself to be a serious player, he risks not playing in the World Cup." — Antonio Matarrese, President of Italy's soccer federation said.

"Sometimes I drive as slowly as 10 miles (15 kilometres) per hour, but I do it to make a statement. The world is going too fast and it would be better if everyone drove like me." — Myrdin Thomas, a Welshman campaigning for a slower world.

"They treat you real nice if you beat a big star. So if I knock off Martina, they'll have a big parade for me in Tokyo." — Naoko Miyagi, a teenager from Japan said as she was going to meet Martina Navratilova in the Canadian Open.

"When I was 17, I used to look at Billie Jean King at 30 and think, what's her problem? Why is she on the circuit so long? Doesn't she have anything better to do? I'm surprised I'm still around at 34," said Chris Evert, who earlier this week announced her plans to retire from the game she dominated for so long.

"They should get a lot of wind blowers and get the wind to blow the other way." — John McEnroe, on planes posing an obstacle for player's concentration.

"I think I can win. Before I was trying to make a pretty good showing, now I think it's a realistic possibility. I feel that if I play the top players I'd give them a run for their money." — McEnroe, now on his second comeback.

"It's nice to have reserve power, but you know, the question is whether the consumer is going to pay for it. It's an interesting marketing technique, but I doubt if it will revolutionise the market." — Eli Lustgarten, a financial analyst in New York with Prime Webber Inc., said about a new type of auto battery which will be going on sale in the US southeast in October.

"A sense of uneasiness that the momentum might be slipping out of our fingers. We must have a common perception of the political target of the timeframe of the negotiation." — Chusei Yamada, Tokyo's chief envoy to the 40-nation conference on disarmament said.

"Soccer is very serious thing and we can't tolerate that (Maradona) ridicules Napoli, Neapolitan fans and Italy's soccer organisations." — Italian Soccer Federation president Antonio Matarrese said.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Innovative provision introduced

## Bill seeks to woo NRI investments

By M.C. Bose  
Business editor

THE government of India has introduced a bill in the Lok Sabha to further amend the income-tax, wealth tax and gift-tax acts, to attract mainly non-resident Indian investment in India.

The amendments also seek to introduce special provisions for valuation of quoted equity shares of companies to remove existing hardships caused to investors.

The bill, introduced by the Minister of State for Finance Aji Pant, also aims at removing certain anomalies and difficulties relating to new income tax assessment procedures, which have already come into force April 1989. Another objective is to grant certain tax concessions so that the tax-payers could avail them during the current financial year.

The bill recognises the country's prime need for ensuring proper balance of payment and

for encouraging inflow of foreign exchange into the country. With a view to achieving this, the bill proposes to amend section 48 of the Income-Tax Act.

It will also make investments in shares by non-resident Indians more attractive and thereby encourage inflow of foreign exchange in the country.

H.P. Ranina, a well-known taxation expert of India told the Arab Times in a telephone interview that "as far as your queries on the new amendment bill are concerned, there is no doubt that the bill is meant to assist NRIs and the law has been considerably liberalised, especially to allow NRIs to remain in India for a longer period than 90 days. This would enable NRIs to set up small scale industries and will also help the service class to stay in India for a longer period of time every year."

The cumulative effect of this provision would be that NRIs would certainly be able to invest more funds in India or at least

spend the amount at the time of their extended visits.

Ranina is an advocate of Supreme Court of India and a tax adviser to almost 300 limited companies.

Ranina said it is important to note that, under the proposed amendment, an NRI can now spend in India 150 days in a financial year, that is, between April 1 and March 31, as against 90 days at present. This is what is clearly stated in the amendment to section 6. However, some of the press reports have stated that the NRI can be in India for 180 days, which is not correct.

Ranina added the main benefit sought to be given to NRIs is in respect of the computation of capital gains arising from the transfer of shares in an Indian company. Under the new provision to section 48(1) (a), the capital gains would be determined by taking into account both the sale proceeds and the cost of acquisition of the shares in the same currency which was



H.P. Ranina

originally remitted to India at the time of purchase of the shares.

Therefore, assuming that the NRI had originally sent \$10,000 to India which were converted into rupees and shares were purchased there from, subsequently when these shares are sold, the sale proceeds would also be converted into dollars at the prescribed rate of exchange and the difference between such amount converted into dollars and the original investment of \$10,000

would be deemed to be the capital gains, which would be liable to tax in India.

He said it is obvious that the main objective of this new provision is to ensure that the NRI does not pay capital gains tax on the mere devaluation of the rupee vis-a-vis the dollar, but he pays the tax on the actual capital gains made by him in dollars. There is no doubt that this is a very innovative provision introduced in the income-tax law for the benefit of NRIs and the government of India needs to be congratulated for this progressive step.

Another important amendment which is sought to be made is to provide that under section 195 of the Act, tax will be deducted at source only at the time of actual payment of interest to NRIs by the government, public sector banks and public financial institutions, and not at the time of crediting the interest under any scheme. Therefore, where NRIs have placed funds in cumulative deposits, where the

total amount with the interest is payable only upon maturity, tax would be deducted at source at the time of maturity when the deposit amount is refunded along with the interest, Ranina said.

As far as the valuation of shares is concerned, it has been provided that the average value of shares on 31st March of the preceding 4 years should be taken into account and not just the value appearing on 31st March every year. This has to be done at the option of the taxpayer and, therefore, if the value of the shares has been fluctuating widely over the last five years, the average value would be reduced considerably. This would certainly help wealth-tax payers in years when there is an unexpected boom.

When asked to accelerate growth during the 8th plan, investment will have to undergo a substantial reallocation between public and private sectors, Ranina said during the eighth plan, both the public and private

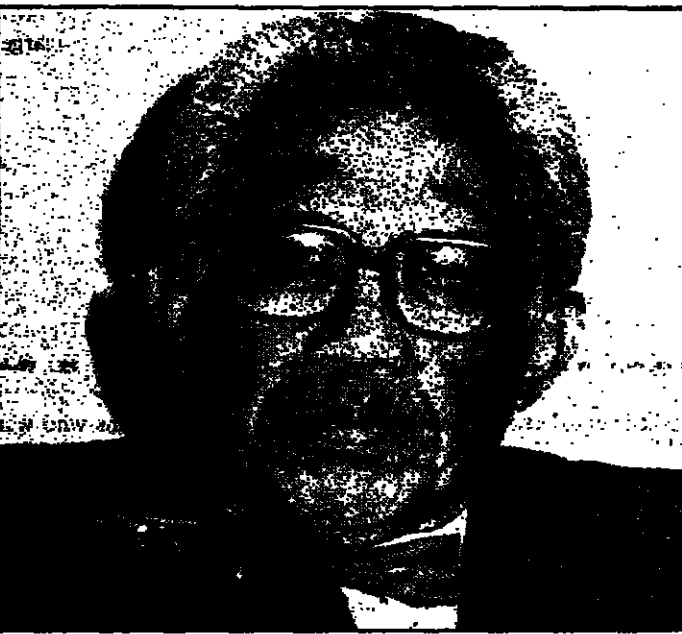
sectors will have to mobilise substantial amount of resources. Thus, mere reallocation of resources is not required; what is necessary is to give adequate incentives to the private sector to mobilise additional resources.

Turning to the rationale of the direction to the investment pattern in India, he said finally, the government is seriously thinking of permitting some Indian companies, on a selective basis, to issue convertible debentures in the international market. While this move will slow in giving permissions, it may ultimately broaden the financial base for Indian companies.

Ranina said, however, once the debenture monies are allowed to be raised from the international market, they would also be quoted on foreign stock exchanges. In my opinion, this will not have any impact on the Indian stock market because the debentures issued in India and by those companies would be separately traded on the Indian stock exchanges.

## OPEC heads of state likely to meet in Belgrade

US refined product prices soar



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WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (AP) — Several OPEC heads of state are likely to meet in Belgrade for a non-aligned summit in the non-aligned summit in Belgrade next week, Indonesian Mines and Energy Minister Ghanjar Kartasasmita said today.

"I will accompany (Indonesian) President Suharto because he will meet other OPEC heads of state. It is possible they will discuss oil matters," he told reporters in Bali, where he was holding talks with his South Korea counterpart.

He said Venezuela's oil minister also is going to Belgrade. But he was unsure about other OPEC ministers. All 13 members of the group are members of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Indonesian State Secretary Mardiono told Reuters at least 17 heads of state at the Belgrade summit wanted to meet Suharto. Among them were five members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries — Venezuela, Nigeria, Kuwait, Algeria and the United Arab Emirates.

Oil industry sources expect OPEC representatives to discuss the problem of quota-busting by some countries, which want a bigger share of OPEC's overall output.

Yugoslavia says no formal OPEC meeting is planned during

the non-aligned summit but informal talks may be held.

Ghanjar said he would support an increase in OPEC's fourth quarter output ceiling to 20.5 million barrels per day (BPD) from the current 19.5 million but members would have to abide by their quotas. Analysts estimate OPEC output now at over 21.5 million BPD.

"It is pointless if we raise the quota but the supply is more than we agreed, as is the case," Ghanjar said. "That has put oil prices under pressure."

"If we agree to produce 20.5 million barrels a day we must produce at the level and I will support that," he added.

According to Michael Rothman, senior energy analyst with

Merrill Lynch capital markets, there is no sign yet that excess OPEC oil is swelling stocks to dangerously high levels.

He thinks the explanation may be a time lag in delivery and that a stock overhang will soon build up, so that prices slide by up to \$2 more. But he adds that another possibility is that demand is stronger than was thought.

Well-placed OPEC sources say such uncertainties are another reason why OPEC president Rihwanu Lukman of Nigeria would like an informal talk before the Geneva meeting, perhaps in Belgrade, with the ministers of Algeria, Indonesia and Venezuela.

The Geneva talks will officially be only a monitoring committee of eight of the 13 ministers but others may sit in and could convene a full conference to seek a lasting quota accord.

Prices of refined products surged in New York today on reports that workers at Brazil's national oil company, Petrobras, may go out on strike on Sunday.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), unleaded gasoline soared 0.96 cent to 54.61 cents a gallon, while heating oil closed at 52.17 cents, up 0.45 cent.

## Trade deficit may be reviewed

Plan to remove trade barriers

TOKYO, Aug. 30 (AP) — Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu left today for a North American tour designed to foster closer ties with the United States, Canada and Mexico and establish the diplomatic credentials of his new administration.

During his first overseas trip since taking office Aug. 9, Kaifu's top priority is to ease trade tensions with the United States. Foreign Ministry officials said.

Kaifu, 58, is not expected to propose any major initiatives in his talks Friday with US President George Bush.

But he hopes to "establish a close and credible working relationship with the President and other American leaders," said Yukio Okamoto, director of the Foreign Ministry's first North America division.

Kaifu also will use the 12-day tour, which will take him to Mexico from Sept. 4-6 and to Canada on Sept. 7, to establish his diplomatic credentials and enhance his stature at home, analysts say.

Kaifu, who has little diplomatic experience, will speak to scholars and

journalists in San Francisco, Washington and Boston, where he plans to watch a Major League baseball game from the box seats of the owner of the Boston Red Sox.

"Mr Kaifu wants to initiate a much more increased level of intellectual dialogue with the United States, and especially with its people," Okamoto said.

In their meeting, Kaifu and Bush are expected to discuss the US trade deficit with Japan, which totalled \$55 billion in 1988, according to US figures.

Kaifu is expected to explain Japan's efforts to reduce the trade imbalance, and express its willingness to focus on issues like its complex distribution system and business practices. US officials contend distribution system and business practices. US officials contend those measures block foreign access to the Japanese market.

The Prime Minister also will emphasise the need for the United States to combat such problems as its large budget deficit and low investment rate, Foreign Ministry officials say.

US-Japanese talks on removing trade barriers are scheduled to begin Sept. 4, but Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party is under pressure at home not to make additional concessions on trade.

Recent election losses suffered by the party were attributed in part to the unhappiness of farmers over Japanese concessions on agricultural trade.

"It will take a long time to solve the trade imbalance and in the meantime we have to live with it," a ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "To defuse the tension caused by the imbalance, we need a more objective understanding of each other."

Kaifu also will reassure Bush and other US officials of Japan's political and diplomatic stability, ministry officials said.

Some Japanese foreign policy initiatives have been stalled in recent months as the Liberal Democrats grappled with series of scandals and an election setback that led to the resignation of Kaifu's two predecessors.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug. 30 (Reuters): Solid demand for blue chips and resource stocks countered the effect of a Wall Street fall. The All Ordinaries index lost 0.6 to 1,781.2.

TOKYO: A fall in the dollar and talk of reduced earnings sparked a sell-off of electricals. Banks rose on merger rumours.

The Nikkei index lost 215.99 points to 34,471.66.

HONG KONG: The Hang Seng index rose 17.46 points to 2,505.40 in quiet trade. Traders say it seems to be establishing a base above the psychologically important 2,500 level but there is no news to launch a further rally.

SINGAPORE: Institutional

investors ignored Wall Street's fall and pushed the Straits Times industrial index up 7.67 points to 1,350.21.

BOMBAY: A opposition-sponsored general strike delayed the start of trading but state-owned institutions were active buyers and prices rallied strongly.

PARIS: Prices ended firmer on the back of Wall Street and special situations. The 50-Share bourse indicator rose by 0.14 pct.

## Lebanon to get more EEC aid

BRUSSELS, Aug. 30 (Reuters): European Economic Community governments agreed today to provide more emergency humanitarian aid to victims of the fighting in Lebanon, an EEC spokesman said.

Community sources said the new package was expected to involve aid between \$5 million and 10 million. Details will be announced tomorrow.

Officials of the 12 EEC governments and the European Commission approved the package after hearing a report from an EEC fact-finding delegation which visited Lebanon last week.

The commission, the EEC's executive body, granted emergency aid worth \$550,000 to Lebanon in mid-August.

The new package would include contributions from individual governments as well as EEC money and would be distributed through non-governmental organisations to ensure that it reached both Christians and Muslims, the sources said.

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## Bolivia rate lowest Income tax down

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (AP) — National income taxes have been dropping all over the world in recent years with the lowest top rate — 10 per cent — now in Bolivia, according to a list compiled by a US treasury official.

Switzerland is next with 11.5 per cent, a figure unchanged since 1985.

Bruce Bartlett, deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, found that of 86 countries only two have raised their taxes. Luxembourg's top rate rose to 58.8 per cent from 57 per cent, while Lebanon went to 50 per cent from 40 per cent.

There were 55 countries that reduced their top rates, including the United States, which went to 28 per cent from 30 per cent. Bolivia's drop to 10 per cent was from 30 per cent. In 29 countries Bartlett found the top rate unchanged.

Japan's rate was down to 50 per cent from 70 per cent and the French rate to 36.8 per cent from 60 per cent. Britain remained steady at 60 per cent and West Germany at 56 per cent.

The highest rate was in Zambia, which dropped

from 80 per cent only to 75 per cent. Among Western industrial countries the top rates were in the Netherlands, which has held steady at 72 per cent, and Sweden, which dropped to the 72 per cent level from 80 per cent.

Bartlett said that since the invention of the income tax rates have been moving up until recently. He pointed out that his figures do not include social security, health and local income tax such as state taxes in the United States. Though the top federal rate in Canada is 29 per cent, the total tax burden of a resident of Quebec could be as high as 49.1 per cent.

Another caution: in some countries the top rate can be charged on an income that is low compared with those in Western industrial countries — Mexico's top rate of 40 per cent is charged on incomes above \$13,170. In Honduras, almost next door, incomes must reach \$500,000 before the 45 per cent rate is required.

Bartlett got his figures from two accounting firms, price waterhouse and coopers and lybrand. A spokesman, Robert Levine, said they were not checked with figures from the Treasury Department itself.

## Stock exchange to investigate bank merger

TOKYO, Aug. 30 (AP) — The Tokyo Stock Exchange said today it will investigate a planned merger between two major banks because a securities firm affiliated with one of the banks reportedly made large stock purchases before the merger announcement.

Hitoshi Shimakura, head of the transaction inspection division of the world's largest stock exchange, said the exchange would review recent trading in shares of Mitsui Bank and Taiyō Kobe Bank.

The two banks announced yesterday they will merge next April in a deal that would create the world's second largest bank.

"It will be a routine investigation," he said. "We will look into recent price fluctuations of both banks, who made what kind of orders, as well as when the banks formally decided to merge."

But securities companies disclosed today that a brokerage affiliated with

Taiyō Kobe Bank bought 3.4 million shares of stock in that bank before the announcement of the planned merger.

Taiyō Kobe is viewed as being the main beneficiary of the merger in terms of its stock price, which is well below Mitsui's.

"There had been speculation that Taiyō Kobe was about to announce an important decision because its share prices began soaring while most other bank shares remained sluggish," said Keiichi Nishida, a dealer at Kidder Peabody Securities.

"What's clear now is that the information did leak out and apparently affected its stock price well ahead of the announcement of the merger."

Mitsui, the world's seventh largest bank and one of Japan's oldest banking institutions, and Taiyō Kobe, the world's eighth largest bank, announced yesterday they will merge to expand while making their operations more efficient.

The world's largest bank is Japan's Dai-ichi Kangyō Bank.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange yesterday suspended trading in the two companies' shares for the day to allow investors to become familiar with the planned merger.

Today, however, massive buy-orders sent the price of both companies' stocks skyrocketing. There were 35 million buy-orders for Taiyō Kobe shares during the morning session while only 400,000 shares were offered for sale.

The huge gap between buy and sell orders made the exchange unable to fix a deal. Dealers said the price of Taiyō Kobe stock was likely to rise more than 20 per cent in the next few days.

Securities companies said today that Shinei Ishino Securities Co. was a net buyer of 3.4 million Taiyō Kobe shares between June 29 and July 19.

Under Japanese law, banks are not al-

lowed to hold more than 5 per cent stock in a securities firm, but Shinei Ishino Securities is considered part of the Taiyō Kobe Group.

"At this point, we cannot say whether insider trading was involved," Shimakura said. "We have to start out by finding out when the actual decision on the merger was approved by the decision-making body of the company."

Kenichi Suematsu, president of Mitsui Bank, told reporters at a news conference yesterday that the merger plan was formally approved by the board of directors of both banks on Monday. But he said negotiations for the merger began in March.

"For a small brokerage firm like Shinei Ishino, I must say it is extremely unusual to buy 3.4 million shares of one company in one month," said a broker at a major Japanese securities firm, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

## Dollar trapped in tight range

LONDON, Aug. 30 (Reuters): The dollar ended a shade higher in Europe today after spending the session trapped in a tight trading range and starved of market-moving news.

"Things have been very quiet today," said one foreign exchange dealer in Frankfurt.

Customers are not particularly interested in anything. Dealers said the dollar was unmoved by news that US personal income and personal spending rose 0.7 per cent in July, pretty much as economists had forecast.

They said it would probably trade in a narrow band in the run-up to Friday's release of US August unemployment data.

The dollar closed in London at 1.9415 West German marks and 143.55 Japanese yen after ending Tuesday at 1.9400 and 143.40.

Europe's main share trading centres were also largely quiet. London's Financial Times Stock Exchange index of 100 blue-chips ended almost unchanged at 2,381.3, up only half a point.

A stronger performance on Wall Street, which was up 13.41 points at 2,739.74 on the Dow Jones industrial average by noon in New York, failed to stir much interest at the end of the day on the London market.

Wall Street's been trapped up yet again on programme buying and as such is not likely to break out of its trading range. Gold bullion prices drifted in London to close at the day's lows of \$360.75 an ounce against a previous finish of \$363.75.

An early rise on Wall Street had scant impact on a mixed and undecided London market, which showed little enthusiasm to break out of the day's narrow trading range in late business.

Market talk had Hong Kong's daily farm international as the likely seller in a programme of speculation, because it is the only month. Analysts thought a bid from dairy unlikely as the "take-out" price for ASDA looks to be around £3 billion.

## Dhaka forest development plan

DHAKA, Aug. 30 (Reuters): Bangladesh will spend \$50 million to create forests in the country's arid north, an area environmentalists say could turn into a desert.

Announcing the plan last week, Environment and Forest Minister Mayeedul Islam said trees now covered only 2.5 per cent of the north compared with six per cent elsewhere in the country.

"This is a highly alarming situation and we must do our best to reverse the trend and save nature," he said.

Officials said Bangladesh must have 25 per cent of its total land area under forest to keep the environment in balance.

## Currency rates

KUWAIT, Aug. 30 (KUNA): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29851	0.29866
Sterling	0.47373	0.47386
DM	0.15418	0.15432
Sfr	0.17907	0.17988
Ffr	0.45766	0.045956
Jap. yen	0.00021487	0.00021585
Il. lira	0.0020874	0.0020962
Bh. dinar	0.79159	0.79506
UAE dh.	0.081271	0.081608
S. riyal	0.079581	0.079909
O. riyal	0.081963	0.082324
O. riyal	0.77514	0.77553

## Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Aug. 30 (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-1/4	8-1/2
3 months	8-5/16	8-5/8
6 months	8-5/16	8-5/8
1 year	8-3/8	8-11/16

Indian rupee	18.060
Sri Lankan rupee	8.100
Pakistan rupee	14.330
Bangladesh taka	9.200
US dollar	299.65
United sterling	47.625
Pound sterling	154.70
Deutsche mark	0.8180
UAE dirham	0.02104
Japanese yen	



# IMF cuts global growth rates

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30, (Reuters): The International Monetary Fund sees a slower rate of expansion ahead for the global economy but does not believe that the reduction will lead to a recession, monetary sources said today.

The IMF believes the global economy will expand by 3.1 per cent this year, down from its prior estimate of 3.3 per cent.

The world financial agency also predicts the US economic growth will be slower than it previously forecast. It predicts the economy will grow by 2.7 per

cent this year, instead of 3.1 per cent as forecast in April.

The figures are contained in a draft report of the world economic outlook being prepared for next month's Washington annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank and will help set the backdrop for monetary and debt policy discussions.

At the same time, the IMF says policy-makers must keep a close eye on inflation but believes the possibility of an inflationary spiral has been reduced unless monetary authorities badly stum-

ble.

There has been concern by some of the indebted countries that the wealthy industrial states might misjudge monetary policy, bringing on a global recession or an inflationary spiral.

A deep recession could add more hardship to the debt-laden economies of Latin America and Africa which need income from sales of raw materials to industrial nations to earn the money to keep up with their interest payments.

At the same time, a misstep on infla-

tion could push monetary authorities to increase interest rates, making debt payments, already impossible for some countries, even more punishing.

For 1990, the fund sees a 2.9 per cent rate of global growth, as opposed to its earlier 3.2 per cent estimate. The US economy is expected to grow at a two per cent rate next year, down from 2.5 per cent estimated previously.

In 1988, the global economy grew by 4.1 per cent, as did the industrial countries, according to the IMF, while the US economy expanded by 3.9 per cent.

The IMF's latest prediction for the US economy precisely matches the Bush administration's forecast for 2.7 per cent growth this year.

The sources noted that government figures released on Tuesday showed the US economy in the second quarter grew at a faster rate than originally predicted, which could bring about some modification of the IMF numbers. The Commerce Department revised its second-quarter figures to show the economy was growing at a 2.7 per cent annual rate between April and June.

## American personal income increases

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30, (AP): Personal income rose a healthy 0.7 per cent in July, the best gain in four months, while US consumer spending climbed at its fastest pace in three months, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said consumer spending rose 0.7 per cent in July. It was the best gain since a 1.2 per cent rise in April and followed a much weaker 0.2 per cent June increase.

The 0.7 per cent rise in personal incomes followed a 0.5 per cent June increase and was the fastest advance since a 1 per cent increase in March.

The statistics on Americans' income growth and spending habits provided fresh evidence that the economy is not in danger of toppling into a recession. The report showed that consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity, is being bolstered by healthy gains in income.

Just a month ago, economists were not as certain about the state of the economy. However, a string of government statistics since then have shown that the economy, and in particular the consumer sector, is not as weak as earlier feared.

Last month, the government reported that consumer spending, after removing the effects of inflation, had declined in both May and June. But in today's report, the inflation-adjusted figures were revised upward to show modest increases of 0.1 per cent in both May and June.

On Tuesday, the government significantly revised upwards its estimate of total economic growth, showing that the gross national product was growing at a healthy annual rate of 2.7 per cent in the April-June quarter instead of the anemic 1.7 per cent GNP rate originally reported. Most of that revision stemmed from the fact that the rate of consumer spending was doubled from what the government originally estimated.

Today's report showed that consumer spending continued to be strong going into the first month of the July-September quarter. Many economists have been busy revising upward their estimates for overall economic growth this year, pushing their forecasts closer to the 2.9 per cent GNP target set by the White House.

The July report showed that Americans' income after taxes also rose 0.7 per cent in July, down slightly from a 0.8 per cent after-tax increase in June.

With incomes growing at the same rate as spending in July, Americans' savings rate — savings as a per cent of disposable income — held steady at 5.7 per cent, the highest level since a 6.2 per cent rate in March.

The key component of the income category, wages and salaries, increased \$25.4 billion in July, up substantially from a \$17.6 billion June increase. This advance occurred despite the fact that payrolls at manufacturing companies rose by only \$1.4 billion, down from a June increase of \$2.9 billion.

On the spending side, the \$25.4 billion rise in personal consumption spending, which includes everything except interest payments on debt, compared with a \$6.6 billion June advance.

## Long-resilient economy losing

BEIRUT, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Whoever is winning the latest battle of Beirut, Lebanon's long-resilient economy is losing.

"It is testing our will to survive and preserve our way of life," says Fouad Abi Saleh, president of the Association of Lebanese Industrialists. "It is a great trial, which we are not winning in an economic sense."

After 14 years of civil war, it may seem miraculous that Lebanon has an economy at all. But light industry — garments, leather goods, food, plastics, furniture and jewellery — spring up surprisingly to replace the banking finance and tourism killed off by the first few years of fighting.

"Now factories nation-wide are suffering," said Abi Saleh. Abi Saleh's association covers

all Lebanon. "We have made it a point of honour not to admit that the political situation should split us in any way," he said.

He estimates that factory production has dropped by 75 per cent in the Christian enclave besieged by Syrian troops and their Lebanese leftist and Muslim allies.

Yet local bankers are optimistic on medium-term trends. "We are opening letters of credit, some extending six months or more, for importers under threat of bombing. It seems they have hope," said a bank executive who declined to be named.

"Customers are still saving. I think 1989 will be a good year for the bank in spite of everything. The will to survive is still strong. Lebanon will never collapse."

A factor which helped businessmen survive this long was the dramatic plunge of the exchange rate since the mid-1980s which made Lebanese products cheap abroad.

In July 1984 the pound was still worth more than 20 US cents. Last week it was 334 to the dollar.

Gabriel Atallah, general manager of Transorient Bank, said import/export activity, which his bank finances, had dropped by two-thirds during the shelling and blockade of the past five months.

"But we still issue letters of credit to importers — the country must live." Although gunners shell the Christian coastline nightly Atallah says the fall in imports is caused mainly by reduced buying

power. "When people spend all their evenings in the shelter, why should they buy suits and dresses for parties?"

"We need peace. Give them peace and in one or two months you will see miracles."

Abi Saleh said production could climb to 80 per cent of its previous level if shelling stopped and the blockade were lifted to allow supplies of fuel, raw materials, semi-finished goods and spare parts.

But the economy is also losing long-term ground as industrialists fail to modernise or diversify.

"We have to recuperate in investing before we see any blooming," Abi Saleh said. "Our country will lack credibility for some time."

## Summer sales take Cairo by storm

CAIRO, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Many Egyptians in a rocky economy find it difficult to balance dwindling incomes with soaring prices, but they do have one window of opportunity — the summer sales.

Cairo's shops and department stores are experiencing an unprecedented surge of business during the frenzied summer month when retailers cast off old stock at rock-bottom prices.

"Our sales have more than tripled during the past two weeks, although this is only our third sales season," said Wadie Naguib, manager at a private clothing shop in the Egyptian capital.

"People queue from the early morning to get a shirt, a suit or pyjamas because we offer real discounts of up to 80 per cent," he told Reuters.

Police provide security for many central shops thronged with enthusiastic crowds of shoppers eagerly hunting for bargains.

Store windows throughout the sprawling city of more than 12 million people are covered with huge signs proclaiming "sale" and "50 per cent discount."

Egypt has foreign debts of around \$50 billion, the annual inflation is estimated at more than 25 per cent, unemployment is growing and industrial production is in the doldrums.

Ordinary Egyptians, who have seen their purchasing power decline steadily as prices rise, say they have to spend more and more on food, leaving little for clothing and other needs.

"If you have five months to feed and you get only 150 pounds (\$60) a month, you don't have much left to think about clothes," said Mohamed Tawfik, a government worker and father of four.

The official average monthly salary for civil servants is little more than 100 pounds (\$40).

For low-income Egyptians, what spare cash they have goes into the summer and winter sales. "I only buy essentials all the year round. But I really go shopping during sales," said housewife Omayma Abdel Rehim.

## Economic team to visit China

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug. 30, (AP): A private South Korean group will visit China from Sept. 5-12 for talks on improving economic ties and forming a bilateral economic co-operation body, officials said last week.

They said the mission, organised by the International Private Economic Council of Korea, will be made up of about 15 businessmen, including chairman Kim Woo-Choon of the Daewoo business group and chairman Cho Choon-Hoon of the Hanjin business group.

China is South Korea's largest communist trading partner. Trade between them amounted to \$3.1 billion last year, according to official statistics.

The private council sponsoring the trip handles trade and other economic ties with communist countries like China that have no diplomatic relations with Seoul. Capitalist South Korea has no formal relations with China.

## Bankers optimistic on medium-term trends

## Trade deficit doubles

Exports hit summer lull

PARIS, Aug. 30, (Reuters): France's trade deficit more than doubled in July to almost 7.5 billion francs (\$1.1 billion) as industrial exports ran into a summer slowdown, government officials said yesterday.

The June deficit was 3.1 billion francs (\$470 million), provisional customs data showed.

Financial markets initially took the news badly but recovered as economists pointed out that summer statistics were often erratic.

A Finance Ministry official said the export lull plus strong demand for foreign imports tripled the industrial goods deficit to a record 9.3 billion francs (\$1.4 billion).

The figure was distorted, however, by a fall in sales of Airbus aircraft, which are manufactured here jointly with West Germany, Britain and Spain but included in the French trade figures, he said.

Just four Airbus were exported last month valued at 927

million francs (\$140 million), against 14 for 4.25 billion francs (\$645 million) in June.

"That accentuated the difference between the two months," the Finance Ministry official said.

Financial analysts agreed that summer statistics could be unreliable in charting the economy's performance.

"Only if the months of August and September continue to have similarly poor figures would one have to become concerned," said Michael Develle, economics director at Banque Paribas.

France's agricultural surplus — which usually offsets the country's appetite for foreign goods — widened to 4.6 billion francs (\$700 million) from 3.4 billion francs (\$515 million). The energy sector deficit narrowed because of slacker summer demand.

Traders said talk that trade distortions should be ironed out in the coming months helped

reassure financial markets, which had marked down French assets on first hearing the news.

The franc recovered from opening lows against the mark, with the West German currency fixed at 337.02 francs per 100, against an opening 337.25/30 range. Bonds also recovered from the lows, but the CAC General index of Paris stocks reflected opening losses, easing to 520.8 from Monday's record 523.2.

Economists said the modest currency market reaction reflected the market's belief that France's socialist government would avoid any franc devaluation in the European Monetary System (EMS) even if this could help its export competitiveness.

"I don't think there's the sort of unease about an EMS realignment that one might have expected earlier this year," commented Tim O'Dell, market strategist at British-based brokers UBS-Phillips and Drew.

## KD rates ease in moderate trading

KUWAIT, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates eased in moderate trading, apparently after surplus funds from an oversubscribed treasury bill issue today were placed on the market.

The issue of 91-day bills was raised to 116.3 million dinars (\$400 million) from the planned 110 million after it was oversubscribed by 183 per cent. It carried an average yield of 8.3 per cent.

Dealers said overnight deposits were bid at around four per cent, down from Tuesday by around two points. Tomorrow's one-month bill softened 3/4 point to 7-3/4-6-3/4.

One month eased 1/8 point to 8-3/8 1/8. Three months to one year were marginally easier at 8-1/2-5/16.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.29876/86 from 0.29934/44 on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal inter-bank deposits were generally steady in this trade today but some long-term maturities displayed a firmer tone as operators bought riyals to swap into dollars on the forward market.

Dealers said there were still no fresh factors to give the market direction, but some arbitrage deals in six-month to one-year funds were reported.

"People are trying to generate cheap dollars on the forward market, which could be pushing up rates a little — but there isn't really much happening," one dealer said.

The one-month to three-month maturities were steady for the fifth consecutive day at 8-13/16, 11/16 per cent. Six-months to one-year edged around 1/16 point higher to 8-7/8-3/4.

Spot-next was 7-7/8, 1/2 per cent for Saturday-Thursday.

## Move to widen debt relief

## World Bank plans new initiative

CAIRO, Aug. 30, (Reuters): The World Bank plans a twin initiative next month to further ease the debt burden of the world's poorest countries and the less prosperous among middle-income nations.

"We've got new features in mind," the bank's vice-president for Africa, Edward Jaycox, told Reuters in an interview yesterday.

These, he said, would be submitted to delegates attending the joint annual meeting of governors of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington from Sept. 26-28, and meetings usually held on the fringe of the gathering.

Jaycox was attending a three-day international debt seminar in Cairo, scheduled to end today,

which was convened by the Organisation of African Unity to discuss the continent's \$240 billion foreign debt.

He said World Bank President Barber Conable would bring the plight of the less well-off, highly indebted middle-income countries to the attention of the World Bank's development committee.

These were countries whose commercial debt fell well short of that of major Latin American borrowers like Mexico and Brazil in the so-called middle-income group.

The Brady Plan, drawn up last year by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to help big commercial debtors in the Third World, notably those in Latin America, would be of less help to their poorer cousins nominally in

the same income bracket which had significantly less private debt.

Nor could these poorer cousins currently take advantage of debt relief schemes arranged for the poorest countries, such as that agreed by the seven leading, non-communist, industrialised countries at their summit in Toronto in June 1988.

Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany approved then a "menu" of options offering partial debt write-offs, interest rate cuts or longer repayment terms, or a mix of these.

Jaycox said the idea now was to extend the Toronto concessions to the less endowed, middle-income debtors.

## GATT chief warns against go-it-alone action on trade dispute

GENEVA, Aug. 30, (Reuters): The head of the GATT world trade watchdog, in an apparent criticism of the United States, said today that member states should avoid trying to settle trade disputes single-handedly.

Such unilateral action could damage ambitious global talks to free the flow of world commerce, Arthur Dunkel, director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, said in an introduction to the organisation's annual review.

Many of GATT's 96 member states were rightly worried by "an apparent drift towards the attempted resolution of trade difficulties through unilateral and discriminatory measures imposed outside the GATT," he said.

Dunkel did not point the finger at any of the member countries of GATT,

which sets the rules for some four-fifths of world trade and seeks to settle disputes among members.

But diplomats dealing with GATT affairs said his comments seemed aimed at tough US legislation that allowed Washington to retaliate with trade sanctions against states it considers unfair trading partners.

The United States last May listed Brazil, India and Japan in this category under the so-called "Super 301" section of the 1988 US trade act, and sought bilateral negotiations with them on remedying what it called unfair trading practices.

Dunkel said: "It cannot be stressed too often that membership of GATT involves a commitment to multilateral-

ism and to a balanced and disciplined approach to the resolution of trade problems. It does not rule out bilateral efforts to seek trade benefits — indeed it encourages them — but it does impose limits on the armoury to be employed in securing those benefits."

He added: "Much of this (unilateral action) has the potential seriously to damage progress and prospects for the Uruguay round" — a wide-ranging set of trade-liberalising negotiations launched under GATT auspices in 1986.

Dunkel said progress at a mid-term review of the four-year bargaining between December 1988 and April 1989 had advanced the process more than expected.

As well as dealing with traditional

merchandise trade, the talks aim at setting international trading patterns for the 21st century, and extend to sectors not previously covered by GATT including service industries and barriers to foreign investment.

Dunkel said the remaining 6 months of negotiations were likely to be extremely difficult. Major differences existed over such issues as long-term farm trade reform, trade in textiles and clothing, and protection of intellectual property rights — including patents, copyright and trade marks.

Referring to world commerce in general, Dunkel said: "Unresolved disputes involving the major industrial powers continue to give a public perception of a worsening international trade environ-

ment, even though, for the most part, they involve small amounts of trade."

He again gave no names, but diplomats said he was evidently referring to protracted disputes involving among others the United States, the European Economic Community and Japan.

Dunkel said it was often forgotten in a welter of concern over these and other problems that world trade volume grew by 8.5 per cent in 1988, equalling the record for the 1980s set in 1984. There was a relatively healthy increase of 5.5 per cent in 1987, and trade growth in 1989 could be above average.

"Commentators forecasting the imminent collapse of the multilateral trading system would do well to keep recent trade growth in mind," he said.

## Marketing strategy flexible

## SABIC profits jump

RIYADH, Aug. 30, (OPECNA): The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) earned \$486.6 million in profits during the first six months of the current year, an increase of \$2.9 million over the same period last year.

The announcement was made by SABIC vice-chairman and chief executive Ibrahim Ibn Salamah on Sunday, describing the performance as "highly successful" given the current "softening" in world petrochemical prices.

He said SABIC's marketing strategy was flexible enough to enable the company to maintain its share "in the face of an increasingly competitive world market."

Ibn Salamah noted that the expansion of SABIC affiliate Ibn Al Baytar, also known as the National Chemical Fertilizer Company, was "on schedule". The company, which manufactures 500,000 tonnes of ammonia per year, is adding units designed to produce 800,000 tonnes of compound fertilisers, 500,000 tonnes of granular urea and 10,000 tonnes of liquid ammonia a year.

SABIC is also studying the construction of a naphtha cracker for the production of polypropylene. It also intends to increase its ethylene manufacturing capacity. The diversification move is aimed at reducing the effect of price fluctuations on the company.

Out of a total production of 4.5 million tonnes in the first half of the year, SABIC shipped out 4.4 million tonnes, with the Middle East as its top market (41 per cent), followed by the Far East (18 per cent), Europe (15 per cent), Southeast Asia (12 per cent), North America (eight per cent), the Indo-Pakistan subcontinent (three per cent) and Africa (two per cent).

## Economic ties 'excellent'

Italian firm wins contract

TEHRAN, Aug. 30, (OPECNA): Italian ambassador to Iran Vittorio Farinelli has described overall relations between the two countries as "excellent", especially in trade and economic co-operation, with mutual trade in 1988 totalling \$925 million, 551 million of it in Iranian exports.

In an interview published here at the weekend, he said that Italian firms were engaged in a number of major development projects, including the Mubarakh Sted Complex near Isfahan. He added that Italy's Gei Company had won contracts for the construction of two power stations, while another firm had won a contract to build the country's seventh refinery at Arak.

He disclosed that Italian companies were also taking part in the construction of a petrochemical plant at Arak, as well as building an olefin unit at Tabriz, northeastern Iran.

The Italian official said that a contract for laying the Igar-II gas pipeline had already been awarded to Italian firms. He did not name the companies, but added that they were also involved in the construction of an oil pipeline through the Persian coastline on the Gulf, as well as carrying out construction work on Kharg Island — one of Iran's main oil export terminals.

The number of Italian companies participating in the Tehran international trade fair opening here next week, he said, was "the highest it has ever been" but the number of Italian firms that wanted to take part had proved to be greater than forecast earlier.

Twenty-six companies have so far applied to take part in the Tehran fair, including Fiat, which would exhibit heavy construction equipment.

Participants, mainly representing mechanical industries, will also display machine tools used in construction and for plastic manufacturing. Other equipment on show will cover textiles, information systems and computers.

## Credit cards suspended

AMMAN, Aug. 30, (Reuters): Visa International, the US-based credit card company, has stopped honouring Visa cards issued by its Jordanian agent Petra Bank. Bankers said yesterday.

The suspension affects Visa cards issued by Cairo Amman Bank and Arab Jordan Investment Bank who clear payments through Petra Bank, now being managed by the government, they said.

Petra Bank's government-appointed general manager, Bassam Atari, told Reuters the action by Visa International took effect on Monday, but would last only three or four days.

He ascribed the move, affecting Visa cards used outside Jordan, to "technical difficulties".

Jawad Hadid, deputy general manager of Arab Jordan Investment Bank, said Petra Bank had told him delays in some payments to Visa International would be settled shortly.

"We are the victims of a situation for which we are not responsible," Hadid told Reuters.

## Tokyo stock prices

Nikkei stock average: 34471.66 (-215.99)	Mitsubishi Corporation	1560
Volume: 500 mill shs	Mitsubishi Estate	2400
Yen exchange rate: 143.08	Mitsubishi Heavy Ind	1140
Name of stock	Mitsui Real Estate	2450
Advantest Corporation	Mitsui Corporation	1730
Ajinomoto	Mochida Pharmaceutical	3750
Alps Electric	Mori Seiki Co., Ltd.	4160
Amada	NEC Corporation	1860
Asahi Chemical Indus	Nikon Corporation	1470
Asahi Glass	Nippon Shuppan	1690
C. Itoh Co.	Nippon Steel Corp	799
Canon Inc.	Nissansdo Co., Ltd.	2510
Casio Computer	Nitaku Corporation	1480
Dai Nippon Printing	Nomura Securities	3160
Daiichi Seiyaku	Okuma Machinery Work	1670
Dainippon Pharmaceut	Onward Kashiyama Co.	2130
Daisumiko Corp	Orix Corporation	5200
Elai	Pioneer Electronic C	4260
Sanue Ltd.	Renown Look Inc.	2390
Fuji Photo Film Co.	Sanyo Electric Co.	873
Hitachi Credit	Sasaca Co., Ltd.	7900
Hitachi Koki	Shin-Etsu Chemical C	1820
Hitachi Ltd.	Shindengen Electric	1170
Hitachi Metal	Sony Corporation	8780
Honda Motor	Sumitomo Elec. Ind.	1560
Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd.	Sumitomo Metal Ind.	774
Kajima Corporation	Takada Chemical Ind.	2500
Kawasaki Iron Works	Tokai Corporation	5700
Kobe Cast Iron Works	Tokyo Marine Fire	2110
Kokusai Elec.	Tokyo Elec. Power	5840
Komatsu Ltd.	Tokyo Electron Ltd.	3580
Kyocera Corporation	Toppan Printing	2020
Matsushita Comm. Ind	Toray Industries Inc.	990
Matsushita Electric	Toshiba Corporation	1300
Mazda Motor Corp	Toyo Soda Corp.	2600
	Yokawa Electric Mfg.	1200
	Provided by Nomura Investment Bank (Midwest), Bahrain	

## Bombay share prices

BOMBAY Stock Exchange — Closing prices (Rs) as on: August 30, 1989		Indian Organic	44
		Indrayon	79
		Indrol	260
		J.K. Synthetics	83
		Larsen and Toubro	107
ACC	264	Mather PL	—
Asa Paint	210	Mangal	131
Banque Bond	86	Master Sir	15.50
Cajee Auto	—	Mahindra	88
Baroda Rayon	732.50	MICO	615
Bombay Dyeing	125	Nocil	1055
Century Spinning	2130	Orkay	16.25
Colgate	317.50	Premier Auto	56.50
BSSE Index	719.48	Peico	19.50
Despak Fert.	30	Pfizer	62.50
Hotel	58	Raymond	—
Kayser	112.58	Reliance	106.50
Essar	31	Spic	48.25
GNFC	33.50	Siemens	68
JSFC	166.75	Std Mills	360
Prasin	117	Tata Power	345
S.E. Ship	40	Tata Chemicals	121
Garware Polyester	68.75	Tisco	1230
Grindia	91.50	Telco	1035
Hindustan	125	Volta	—
Ind Lever	97	(Compiled by Kewat India Inter-	—
Hindustan	277.50		
Indomator	37.50		
I.T.C.	136		



People



French actress Isabelle Adjani: haunted by the ghost of Rodin's tragic mistress.

## Rodin's lover in torment

# Beauty and the ghost

When stunning beauty Isabelle Adjani started playing the part of ill-starred Camille Claudel, strange things happened. She began to look, sound and feel like the famous sculptor's tormented lover, who died in a lunatic asylum.

By Mary Kemp

A STRANGE change has come over France's most beautiful and talented film star. Her face, her voice and even her inner emotions have been taken over by a long-dead and tormented woman.

And gamin Isabelle Adjani claims that the experience of playing Rodin's tragic sculptress mistress, Camille, helped her through one of the blackest times of her life.

In London to promote her movie about the girl, Camille Claudel, 33-year-old Isabelle told me how a malicious rumour had swept France saying she was dying of AIDS. It was then that Isabelle's role of reviled "kept woman" Camille helped her to come to terms with her agony.

And it also helped Isabelle to portray more poignantly the woman who still haunts her every day of her life. As she spoke, the actress' pale scrubbed complexion, deep blue eyes and full, generous lips bore a remarkable resemblance to the few remaining photographs of Camille.

She said: "The AIDS episode was a very tough sequence of my life. For a whole year I knew what Camille Claudel must have felt. I knew what persecution was. I was very isolated."

"My son was taunted at school. I had to fight the possibility of becoming paranoid or of having a nervous breakdown."

In the end, Isabelle went on television to nail the lie. They began when, suffering from exhaustion and anaemia, she abandoned a stage production of Strindberg's *Miss Julie* before the first night.

She told me philosophically: "I guess the experience has made me stronger. The more you grow, the better actress you become." But that black period of her life drew Isabelle ever closer to the sad, ghostly figure of Camille, who died in a lunatic

asylum. Isabelle's ex-lover Bruno Nuytten, who directed the film, noticed how Rodin's mistress was taking over the actress's life. Bruno, father of Isabelle's 10-year-old son Barnabe, told me: "Ever since Isabelle went to an exhibition of Camille's sculptures in Paris, she has been deeply, deeply impressed by her. By the time we had finished the film, I couldn't tell if she was Camille or Isabelle."

"Sometimes I couldn't recognise Isabelle. Her voice would be different, and so would the way she moved. I know she found it very hard to get rid of the character, and maybe she's not even over it now."

Isabelle added: "I agree that I am finding it difficult to shake Camille off. Usually I get rid of the character I've been playing more quickly than this. It's ridiculous to carry on. It took me several years to get into Camille, I hope it's not going to take that long to lose her."

But perhaps 45-year-old Bruno, with his shoulder-length mane of brown hair, is partly to blame for Isabelle's haunting. He told me: "Although we kept the usual relationship you have between director and actress I, of course, knew a lot about Isabelle. Sometimes I was able to put things I knew about her into dialogue or situations in the film. I could make a mix between Camille and Isabelle which was very successful."

Won And Isabelle, who has already won several best actress awards for her performance as Camille, painstakingly researched the role. So that she could get the true feel of being a sculptress, Isabelle took lessons at the Beaux Arts university in Paris.

Isabelle said: "I went along with my co-star Gerard Depardieu, who plays Rodin. Bruno wanted us both to feel comfortable

and to see what it felt like to be a sculptor. It's true that touching a sculpture is as important as looking at it. I wasn't conscious of this before."

For Isabelle, there was something very special about the whole project from the start. Even today, she refers to the movie as "my baby". That is why the girl, who is private almost to the point of being a recluse in the big house in Paris where she lives with Barnabe, agreed to come to London to be interviewed.

As she sat opposite her ex-lover, both dressed in black trouser suits, Isabelle explained: "I am not a socialite and I don't like publicity. But this film is very special. It is like a baby to me."

And so it should be. For Isabelle put the money up for the movie, co-produced it and begged the Claudel family to let her have the rights they owned to the story. She has also spent the past three years of her life working on being the tragic Camille Claudel. And, although the film is finished, the shade of Rodin's mistress lingers on. The film has made Camille a celebrity, long after her death, and her few remaining sculptures have shot up in value. But some instinct has prevented Isabelle from cashing in.

She explained: "When I first started the project, I was offered one or two of Camille's pieces. I knew they would become much more valuable after the movie was released. But I didn't buy the sculptures. Firstly, I didn't want to exploit Camille. And secondly, I felt superstitious about the whole thing. One of Camille's statues sold for eight millions francs the other day."

But there have also been bonuses for Isabelle, who inherits her stunning, cover-girl looks from a German mother and blue-eyed Algerian father. For one thing, it has brought her closer

to Bruno again. The couple parted after a stormy 11-year relationship. He found Isabelle's fame too hard to live with.

### Chance

She was able to give Bruno, a top cinematographer, his first chance to be a director. He, in return, handled her as an actress with a sure and intimate knowledge.

She told me: "It helped tremendously that I knew Bruno so well. I was never scared to express anything I needed to. For example, whether I felt scared, insecure, happy or unhappy. I never had to think. 'How am I going to tell the director this or that, in case I upset him.' I could just be me."

But, although the couple grew close professionally, as they worked together day and night they were still a thousand miles apart romantically. Bruno told me: "I was director, Isabelle was the leading actress — you can't mix anything else into that."

"Of course, Barnabe, Isabelle and I were sometimes together somewhere. But not on the set. We were there to make a film about Camille Claudel, not to run a family."

Isabelle went on: "Bruno and I have something that is going to keep us together for ever. The other day I asked him, 'How come we didn't get married?' He replied, 'Maybe tomorrow.'"

"But, really, our relationship is very simple now. We are just good friends. Maybe when we become enemies, we'll be able to get married."

Isabelle went on: "When we were filming, I knew that Bruno could see if I was feeling all right or if I was uncomfortable and why. He would point this out before I had a chance to say anything. It was like a silent and constant dialogue."

## Bombay round-up

### Y. Chopra's true love

# Doting on 'Chandni'

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

LIKE a first-time father being worried and over cautious about his new-born girl, Yash Chopra remains very touchy while talking about his big new film *Chandni*. While he is eager to tell about it, he also keeps back a lot, fearing that the evil eye may fall on it.

"I have been dreaming of making this film for a long long time," he says with pride. "I wonder why I did not take it up earlier." Then he adds quickly: "It's good in a way. I got the right cast, didn't I?"

We don't have the heart to ask him about the story which as everyone knows is a triangular romance. But he ventures to say: "Usually we make films to satisfy everybody. But sometimes one feels like making one from the heart, to fulfill one's own desire. *Chandni* is one such film. Yet, it is not a lyrical or artistic smallie. We have kept a big canvas, costly sets, foreign locations, rich dresses and not cut any corners."

That way, taking three top stars by itself goes to make a big budget film. About this obsession he says: "Only stars with charisma can carry off a love story. Sri Devi has got that in her. She does it with that certain sentiment". But originally Yash was doting over Rekha as the *Chandni* of his dreams. He admitted that the other Southie actress was the first choice but it was long ago, just after *Silsila*, which was also sentimental but flopped. "When the whole set-up changed, Rekha could not fit in," says Yash. "There were no actors to match her present state, certainly not Rishi and Vinod Khanna."

This argument may not hold water but it is the film makers' choice. Yash diplomatically says that both Sri and Rekha are high-grade actresses, it is foolish to compare them. He of course did not say how angry Rekha got on being dropped. We can understand that Rishi with Sri being the hit pair of *Nagina* would be more marketable and Vinod would add the touch of the strong, hurt, silent he-man, as he did in *Qurbani*, another successful love triangle. In any case, it is

like *Sangam*, with the original South queen Vyjayanthimala sandwiched between Raj Kapoor and Rajendra Kumar.

Rishi and Sri Devi are in love. Rishi goes away without a trace. Vinod enters her life. Both find a new meaning. And then Rishi comes back... the good old ploy of Tennyson's "Enoch Arden". *Chandni* meaning the girl and the film, cannot do without a coating of the mystical. The producer — director calls her a fragrant breeze, a demand of time, perfumed breath, heart-beat and what not. He says that when the word love was invented, flowers must have bloomed, new songs born and the world become scented. Yash thinks that *Chandni* is a thought and also a reality, it is a dream and also a part of life, it is an illusion and also a faith. To each his own. Well...

Before Yash can get any more lyrical, we corner him about the infatuation for this name *Chandni*. It sounds a bit cheap for a

woman and Rekha was already called that in *Silsila*. Yash rushes to the defence: "Chandni is a beautiful name. I love this word, it is my love. It suggests cool white beauty. It is not a mere word, it is a mirror of sentiments".

Such a film should have catchy songs and lovely music to grip attention and get repeat value. Yash has again gone back to Shiv-Hari despite their failure in *Silsila*. Hari Prasad Chaurasia is a famous flute player, while Shiv Kumar specialises in saan-soor. Both refuse to give music in action revenge films. They only do it for Yash's romantic films. But being classically based, they are not successful with movie songs. *Iijay* and *Faasla* both failed. For *Chandni* they have created nine tunes, like "Meri jaan main tujh mein apni jaan rakhi doon". "Mere haathon mein nau nau chudiyan," not all of them good.



Vinod Khanna and Sri Devi in 'Chandni'.

# Neelam: no dummy

Q. Like Sonam's aunt Sabia, your aunt Shahnaaz seems to be dominating your life. Is it true that you speak in her voice or vice versa?

A. It's all hogwash. My aunty has groomed me and shaped my career at every step. She has protected me. Can she be anything but a well-wisher? People spread these stories to break up any good relationship.

Q. Are you fast becoming a screen doll, or rather a disco-dancing doll?

A. I am nobody's dummy. I know my roles, try to play them as best as I can. See me in the better scenes needing intensity. Dances have become a 'must' since *Jawani* and *Izzat*. They are thrust on me.

Q. But have you made much progress in the steps and the body jerks of dances, too?

A. It's all up to the dance director. We dance to his/her steps, except for adding a little of our own. If they have not progressed, then we have not. But I think disco is spreading out. Moreover it's a dance which does not need much of serious setting. In a film, we dance only on little pieces of tunes. Even the group or the crowd dances freely as they like, without a strict pattern.

Q. Sometimes you are compared to Asha Parekhi when she was young?

A. I take it as a compliment.

Q. What was the storm about your giving up *Khoon Jawaab Dega* half-way, because of director Sisir Misra, whose one film flopped?

A. See, I am not foolish or cruel to leave a film like that. It was certainly not due to the director you mention. The real grievance was that the co-stars who were mentioned to me were not really working in the film. I found myself in a strange set-up. Anyway, I had done very little shooting... it was not half-way... so my leaving it cannot cause any major upset.

Q. Why this regular pairing with Chunky and so little with Govinda?

A. There is no permanent friendship or enmity. Pairings keep on changing. Currently Chunky and I have clicked. So far so good, till it lasts.

Q. Any film where you really missed a role, like *Tridev*?

A. I don't feel sorry losing "Tridev" to Sonam. I really miss *Pushpak*, where I would have done Amla's role opposite an actor like Kamalhaasan.

## Hot spot

THE threatened kidnapping of Rekha for a ransom of twenty lakh rupees became a much talked-about affair. All its pros and cons were discussed in film offices and cocktail parties in threadbare detail. One clever chap even went to the police and got the views of the criminal Hardev Singh Ojhala who had hatched a conspiracy to take off with Rekha.

The whole thing started because Bombay's daily papers have also become film-news-hungry. But then who is not carving for a good image and bumper publicity, which includes the police department as well as stars like Rekha. So a story was given out that mona sardar (clean shaven Sikh) Ojhala had been arrested along with his accomplice Abhay Shetty near the Palghar village, for stealing a car.

Interrogation was made in the custody for this and other crimes, around 45 of which were committed by Ojhala. In fact, he had recently been released from Arthur Road Jail for some of them. During the questioning about the car it became known that he had stolen a businessman's car from the crowded Prabhadevi area and changed the number plate. When the C.I.D. cops brought the info, a sub-inspector chased and caught him with the car.

Then Ojhala is said to have confessed that their actual plan was to kidnap film star Rekha, when she went out jogging, in the early morning, on the lonely roads near her Bandra bandstand bungalow.

Failing that, they might have got her at gun-point when she would leave for her shooting. They had mapped out the route of her car by observing her every day. Then they would have demanded a ransom of twenty lakhs to release her.

Ojhala grandly confessed that he had no other interest in the woman. He had not even seen most of her films. He only wanted to make money and become a Don. And he believed that Rekha must



Rekha waiting around to get kidnapped

have made piles of black money during all these years. But the plot was foiled by the police arresting him in time. This news was given out to selected papers, and prominently published with Rekha's photos of course.

Rekha herself claimed complete ignorance of the whole matter. She came out with her usual waiting that she was like any other working girl staying all alone and without security at home or in the place of work. "I am careful, but I can't always be too careful," said Rekha, to the tabloids and other mags of Bombay which got good meat to bite on for quite a few days. She also added: "The city is becoming very unsafe."

The net result was that Rekha got a lot of free publicity (especially at a time when Sri

Devi and *Nigahen* are in the limelight) and the police got a good image. But film folks argued about many loopholes in the story. For one think Rekha stays totally alone, except for a lady secretary and her pet dog Pisty. From whom then would the criminals expect to recover the ransom? Who would know where Rekha keeps so much of cash in black money and how would they give it?

\*\*\* The musical call "Oyeh, oyeh... oyeh aaa" from the *Tridev* song has led to some unexpected reactions and results. We have noted that composers Kalyani-Anandji meant it like a mating call and indeed it had the same desired effect. Roadside Romeoos have started giving this cry when they see charming or well-dressed women pass by. So the Bombay police took a snap decision that anyone shouting "Oyeh" and creating a public nuisance will be fined fifty rupees or a night's stay in jail.

This might prove an indirect boost to *Tridev* and its cassettes, since people will be curious about the song and how it is picturised.



Stills from the movie in which Isabelle Adjani stars as Rodin's mistress Camille Claudel.



# Musical cure

## Harlem choir saves lives

NATHAN G. SIMMONS, an affable college music major with slight set on Broadway, still remembers the telephone call that turned him away from life on the mean streets of Harlem.

He was ironing his only white shirt nine years ago when the phone rang. Walter Turnbull, director of the Boys Choir of Harlem, was on the line.

"Dr Turnbull... said 'You've been accepted,' and I was just ecstatic," related Simmons, 23. "My mother was sitting at the table... and I told her, and she got on the phone and started calling people. It was an honour... and it kept me off the streets."

As a 14-year-old, Simmons remembers "doing basically nothing except hanging out, meeting people who didn't do much except smoking and drinking a lot of beer."

Crack invaded the neighbourhood a few years later, and many of his former buddies dropped out of high school, "graduating" instead from beer to the cheap, highly addictive smokable cocaine derivative.

But a different world was opening to the teenager.

He was performing. He was receiving regular tutoring and counselling and travelling with the choir nationally and internationally, to places other Harlem kids hadn't even heard about.

Troubled Harlem kids are thought to be among the worst academic performers. But under Turnbull's supervision, Simmons went on to college after leaving the Boys Choir in 1984 and is in his final year at Westminster Choir College, in Princeton, New Jersey.

It's not a unique story, according to Turnbull. He says 98 per cent of Boys Choir members — all black and most from desperate Harlem backgrounds — graduate from high school and go on to university.

And Simmons' former friends?

"A lot of them have fallen down by the wayside — they're involved in drugs," Simmons said ruefully. "We don't really have a lot of long conversations, because we are in two different worlds. But I could easily have become one of those boys if I wouldn't have developed a sense of direction."

Co-founder of the choir in 1968, Turnbull recently related how he spends 18-hour days overseeing the musical, scholastic and social needs of more than 200 young people ages 8 to 18, including a girls' choir established in 1979.

Turnbull, Simmons and others spoke in Turnbull's office — a room dominated by a Baldwin baby grand piano, partially covered by stacks of sheet music, and by shelves bulging with music books. Piles of documents outlining the choir budget and other business hid most of a nearby table.

The office is in old public school 68, at 127 West 127th street, on a floor rented by the choir. Turnbull spoke over a muted background of major third chords, sung in unison. About 30 boys were warming up in a nearby classroom, its windows covered by heavy wire mesh and overlooking a row of graffiti-disfigured tenements, some boarded up and abandoned.

The towering, robust tenor and former public school teacher took over later, praising and cajoling as he conducted a selection of works including Bach's "Christ lag in Todesbanden" in German. One passage that sounded perfect to the casual listener raised his ire.

"That's unacceptable, what kind of reading is that?" he thundered, slamming a meaty hand down on his note stand. The kids — some in their mid-teens, all clearly respectful — did it again without a murmur.

Turnbull holds a doctorate in music and is proud of the Boys Choir's international reputation of excellence — besides German, the ensemble sings in French, Italian, Hebrew and Latin as well as English and has toured much of Europe. It has sung in St Paul's in London and St Germain des Pres in Paris and started a second trip to Japan in late August.

"It's a very unique sound," he explained, rejecting attempts at comparison with well-known European boys' choirs. Unlike those, the Harlem ensemble includes tenors and basses as well as the traditional trebles.

"There are those purists who say there is only one way to sing it, but in fact the Boys Choir of Harlem experience is the Boys Choir of Harlem experience," he said. "I don't think anybody could sing spirituals like the Boys Choir... but even if the Boys Choir of Vienna was doing the hymn to deum... there will be a difference in overall feeling from the way we'll do it."

Turnbull also places emphasis on the non-musical opportunities for choir members.

"I am a musician, and the motivation is for excellence in music," he said. "But... how can one not be concerned with whether or not a child is getting properly educated, whether or not a child is being motivated... that's very much part of the agenda."

Tutoring, in subjects ranging from English and mathematics to music theory, is provided six days a week, and some kids go to the choir's own school. Choir members must maintain a "B" average (the equivalent of a 2 in a European school).

Three full-time counsellors give year-round career, family and adolescent counselling. During the summer, when many other Harlem kids dodge drug dealers and bullets, choir members attend day camp in New York City and live-away camp in the Connecticut countryside.

The choir has received international rave reviews, and First Lady Barbara Bush, wife of the US President, commented after a June 5 White House performance that the choir's programme of all-round care should be duplicated around the world.

But Turnbull and his aides have trouble funding even the one operation.

Despite some generous corporate donations, the programme is chronically short of money — \$300,000 were lacking in May from a projected budget of \$1.4 million, although the choir is fully booked with paying performance dates.

Turnbull said the staff does what it can, despite financial difficulties and invoked the choir's slogan, "Boys Choir of Harlem saves lives."

"Many kids would have nothing to do, their lives would have no direction" if not for the choir, he explained. "And so it saves lives... and if we can save one, that's good."

Most of the children come from one-parent, low-income or welfare families, and Turnbull said the counsellors often have their hands full.

"There are problems within the family, with siblings... who might be dealing or messing with drugs, or in some cases even parents," he said. "Poverty is the main problem, it all boils down to poverty."

"Sometimes parental problems are so severe that they make it difficult to come to rehearsals every day, and once they stop coming every day they kind of fall," said Turnbull, acknowledging that some members drop out.

The boys also have to fight peer pressure from outsiders.

"Many kids are ribbed (taunted)," Turnbull said. "But then, their comeback is, 'Have you ever been to Japan? Have you been to Europe? Have you travelled to the Caribbean?'"

"There are all kinds of things that kids in the Boys Choir of Harlem get to do that most kids would never get the chance to do."

Those opportunities occasionally extend to lessons in etiquette. A few years back, Turnbull personally helped some of the children brush up on basic table manners before a tour of France.

More recently, Sandra Snowden, president of a consulting firm specialising in international business protocol, negotiation and entertainment, volunteered instruction on how to act while in Japan — everything from eating with chopsticks to how to say "Ohayo gozaimasu (good morning)."



Freedom in fashion

"I hope that the 90's will be marked by a vast amount of freedom in fashion, so that everyone will be able to express themselves personally according to their individual tastes. The historical will be mixed with the ethereal, the classic with the baroque, day-wear with evening-wear, knitwear with lace, imitation fur with authentic jewellery, tweed with brocade. Everyone will mix the proportions according to their morphology, choosing either purity or a combination of styles according to their mood and finally expressing themselves by means of hairstyle and make-up. It will be non-fashion, the end of dictates and the reign of individual freedom."

Christian Lacroix

## Barbara Bush endorses pearls

# Big, bold and layered

AS clothing leans toward a pared-down classic look and a tailored but feminine silhouette, accessories become the focal point — especially jewelry, which truly shines this season.

"Anticipate the resurgence of fine jewelry this fall, especially diamonds for day," said Henry Dunay, a member of the Council of Fashion Designers of America. "Whether city smart or country chic, fall and holiday jewelry will boast 'the royal treatment.'"

Other trends to look for this season are textured gold finishes (brushed and faceted), oversized pins worn alone or in clusters on vests, jackets and lapels, coins and medallions with a Mediterranean influence and layered necklaces combining gold, diamonds and pearls.

Pearl necklaces continue to ride a tidal wave of popularity, thanks to the overwhelming influence of First Lady Barbara Bush. Monet, a leading jewelry manufacturer, even offers the Barbara Bush signature triple-strand necklace.

The Gemological Institute of America reports that only natural or cultured pearls can be considered "real" pearls. The federal trade commission says faux pearls, no matter how expensive, are not considered fine jewelry and must be labeled as "imitation" or "simulated" in advertisements.

For consumers who can't afford the higher price tags of cultured and natural pearls, Monet offers the following guidelines when shopping for fabulous faux pearls:

— The finest quality faux pearls are hand-dipped in pearlescent lacquer and individually hand-knotted to simulate the look of genuine pearls.

— Look closely at the surface of each pearl. It should feel smooth and be free of burrs, pits and blemishes.

— The size and shape of each pearl should

be consistent, and the necklace should be perfume resistant in order to maintain colour and lustre.

— Fine faux pearls can be cleaned by wiping with a soft cloth.

"There are some good-looking imitations on the market today," said Freddy Kohn, president of the Cultured Pearl Association of America. "But what's really important is how a woman feels when she is wearing them."

Christian Dior Bijoux plans to introduce a new line of "original classics" this fall known as the Signature collection.

"What we're seeing in our segment of the market is jewelry that is valid not just for a single season but for years," said Claire Kellam, executive vice president for Crosse Jewels-New York, the exclusive licensee for Christian Dior jewelry.

"Women are buying fewer, more expensive pieces of fashion jewelry," she said. "The customer is definitely trading up."

Dior's new line features styles that interpret the classic "CD" motif, such as an 18-karat gold electroplate necklace set with European crystal pave stones, along with sporty pieces that combine sterling silver with 18-karat gold vermeil.

Trifari, another leading manufacturer, is leaning toward rich, regal jewel tones for fall, from the proper purple of amethyst to the opulence of black jet for luxe, art deco appeal.

Trifari offers Renaissance-inspired interlinked chains with braided gold detailing and engraved accents in crimson. Chains and beaded combinations come in a versatile 24-inch (60 cm) length.

Bold button earrings are back for fall, along with lightweight hoops in gold and silver. Also popular are earrings in a variety of shapes — hearts, stars, triangles, squares and teardrops. (UPI)



Making a statement with jewelry this autumn.

## Taking the worry out of wooing

JAPAN'S battle of the sexes used to be simple: men won. But a widening gap between what today's young men and women want from each other has many men desperate for brides and running scared.

They are so scared that 50 men are signing up for the inaugural course at Keio Higuchi's Bridegroom School, billed here as a first-of-its-kind institution of learning. The goal is to demystify women.

For the equivalent of about \$300, the men will get an 11-session course in what the modern Japanese woman wants from life, marriage and family. Professors, medical doctors and journalists are scheduled to lecture.

Ms Higuchi, a women's studies professor at Tokyo's Kasai University, expects that most students will be single and shopping for a spouse, but married men also are welcome. The only requirement is that an applicant be a high school graduate.

The idea for the course grew out of Ms Higuchi's belief that men don't understand today's Japanese women, who are economically and emotionally more independent than their mothers. Rather than teach a man how to trap a bride, the school's aim will be to instruct men in how to be independent, understanding partners.

"There is a new wind blowing in Japanese society," the school's information pamphlet says. "Women have begun to change by seeking a more livable existence, a richer life and a better relationship to men."

The Japanese just always been the marrying kind: only 4 per cent remain single in their late 40s, and the divorce rate is among the lowest in the world, government statistics show.

But a worrisome gap has developed in people's expectations of marriage. Some women are delaying marriage and rejecting the traditional roles of wife and mother, while men continue to cling to the status quo.

This has sent both sexes running to matchmaking services.

From mom-and-pop shop to slick, pricey operations, the services are thriving in Japan's cities, fuelled by high fee from their mostly male clients.

The marriage information business, which didn't even exist a decade ago, does a annual business worth 21 billion yen (\$145 million) according to the Japan Economic Journal.

In Tokyo alone, there are more than 220 private match-making services.

The "Yomiori Tsubai Circle" has about 20,000 members who pay upwards of \$17,000 yen (\$2,250) for a month of services that include introductions to three people.

Some 230 counsellors consider personal data, psychological factors and eye favourite colours to match prospective mates.

"Young ladies never compromise," says Kazuo Nijima, manager of the service. "Men, by comparison, are passive in their condition for a wife."

Men, he said, seem to require only a woman under certain age and no previous marriages. Women seek men with college degrees, career ambitions, warm personalities, exciting lifestyles and a sex of fashion.

Japanese men, lacking time, inclination and access to court women, have relied on matchmakers to arrange marriages to women who will provide children and stable home. Love, although often an unexpected bonus developed later, was rare part of the marriage deal. Matchmakers were common.

Researchers say arranged marriages still take place in many as 25 per cent of today's couples, but matchmaking services are replacing traditional go-between.

Young men, bound first by their companies or professions, lack opportunities to meet women, especially in urban areas where community ties are loose. And unlike their fathers, they face a hard women armed with long shopping lists of requirements for husband.

That's why Satoshi Nochi, a former kimono salesman, started the marriage academy in Osaka. Aiming to sweep a woman off her feet and toward the altar, Nochi's 22-step program includes role-playing, a primer on female psychology and comedy routines to learn to amuse a woman. (AP)

## Cultists await WW II soldier

# Medic from sky

By Peter O'Loughlin

TANNA, Vanuatu (AP): Each morning the men of Jon Frum village, at the foot of the smoking and rumbling Yasur volcano, raise the US flag and pray for Americans to return to this primitive South Pacific island.

In a hut beside the flag pole is a crudely lettered board declaring it to be Jon Frum Custom Movement Headquarters.

"We believe the Americans will come and bring us cargo," said Jonas Malman, a villager. "Jon Frum is a spirit, he will bring the cargo."

The islanders say Jon Frum is a spirit who appeared as an American soldier in World War II and handed out supplies to the people of Tanna. One of the chain of islands that make up Vanuatu. No trace of a Jon Frum has been found in US military records.

The villagers live in grass huts, have no electricity or running water and few possessions. But they have never forgotten the Americans in World War II and the fabulous cargoes of clothing, vehicles, soft drinks, gum, candy, cigarettes and canned food they brought with them on their way to fight the Japanese.

The people of Jon Frum village and thousands more on this densely jungled island of 17,000 Melanesians believe that if they can find the right magic, the Americans will return and bestow them with wealth, meaning cargo.

The Jon Frum Movement is one of several so-called cargo cults that exist in Melanesia, a group of islands stretching from New Guinea to New Caledonia.

They believe the cargo they see arriving by ship and plane was sent to them by their ancestors, but that white man's magic has kept them from getting it.

Cults like the Jon Frum Society are always on the lookout for help from a powerful man who may have strong magic.

One cult on Tanna worships the Duke of Edinburgh, the husband of Queen Elizabeth II, and believes he originally came from Tanna. They think he has the power to help get them cargo.

In New Guinea, a cult sought to buy President

Lyndon B. Johnson because they had been told he was the most powerful man in the world. Since his name was on all the Johnson outboard motors they used on their canoes, they saw little reason to doubt the claim.

The Jon Frum Movement is one of the oldest of Vanuatu's cargo cults. Its origins are obscure. Some anthropologists say it may date to the 1930s and could have arisen as a reaction to missionary efforts to abolish traditional customs such as polygamy and drinking kava, a potent local brew.

The movement got a powerful boost during World War II when many Tannese were sent to other islands to work for the Americans who used the islands, then called New Hebrides, as a staging base in their Pacific campaign.

When the Tannese saw black US soldiers handling cargo and getting food and supplies like the white man, they were impressed by their magic.

At this time, according to studies of the cult, the Tannese believe Jon Frum reappeared as a black medical corpsman.

The movement adopted the Red Cross as their insignia. They planted dozens of wooden red crosses at the foot of their volcano in the hope this would encourage the return of Jon Frum and the cargo.

After the Americans moved on, a Tannese declared himself king of America and built a crude airstrip in the jungle with a bamboo replica of a control tower and "radios" made of tin cans and string in hopes of attracting planes to land, as they had seen them do at US air bases.

Others built copies of refrigerators, opening the doors several times a day, hoping to find cold beer the way the Americans had done.

The British and French who jointly governed the New Hebrides until 1980 outlawed the cult and frequently jailed its leaders.

The national government that followed also curbed its activities.

But the Jon Frum Movement continues to flourish in this dark, rugged island dominated by the smoking 900-foot (275-metre) volcano, whose ash is slowly choking large areas of once-productive coconut plantation around the village.

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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety  
9.30 Cartoons  
10.00 Magazine d'Actualite  
10.15 Asr Al Hob: Daily Arabic serial (Part 12)  
11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety  
11.15 Abilhamd: local serial (Part 7)  
12.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety  
12.15 Castle (Al Hesen): recreational program

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1.00 News Summary  
1.05 The World Today via Satellite  
1.30 Al Shamakel: cartoon serial  
2.00 Variety  
2.15 Al Hijra Ila Al Watan: Arabic serial (Part 10)  
3.15 Innaho Al Haq: religious programme, prepared and presented by Abdul Hameed Al Zanadani  
3.35 Al Taseen Al Sagheer: cartoon serial  
4.00 Awlad Joha: Children play, starring Abdul Rahman Aqel, Ayesha Ibrahim, Majed Sul-

tan and Jassem Al Saleh  
6.00 Variety  
6.30 Night chemists, airlines and official announcements  
7.00 Egypt: Information message  
7.30 Monuments in the World: cultural film (Part 3)  
8.00 Popular Variety  
8.30 Maa Al Islam: religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Khaled Al Mathkour  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Ana Wa Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Mishmish: Arabic serial (Part 9)  
10.45 Al Itihad Al Nissai: Arabic feature film, starring Ahmad Mah-thar, Madeha Kamel, and Hussain Al Shar-beeni  
12.30 Special Variety  
1.25 News Summary  
1.30 The World Today via Satellite  
1.55 Holy Quran and Closedown

## FRIDAY

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoons  
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.15 Variety  
10.30 Al Ahadeeth Al Maw-doua: religious programme  
11.00 Friday Prayers  
12.30 Alwan: variety programme, prepared by Mohammed Al Fares and presented by Fatima Abdul Wahhab  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 The World Today via Satellite  
1.30 Istirahat Al Joma: variety programme  
3.30 Cartoons  
4.00 Hindi film: Ek Hi Bhool, starring: Jeetendra, Rekha  
6.00 Variety  
6.30 Night chemists, airlines and official announcements  
7.00 Kuwait in a Week: documentary programme  
7.30 KTV programme in a week  
8.15 Popular Variety  
8.40 Hadeeth Al Osboor: religious programme, presented by Sheikh

Ali Al Jassar  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Wrestling  
10.30 Kalema: variety programme, with show guests Bousi and Noura  
11.45 News Summary  
11.50 The World Today via Satellite  
12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 The Real Ghostbusters: Cartoon serial  
6.30 Take Heart: An educational programme for children  
7.00 Intruders: 'Toad In The Can'. Toads are night animals in Australia which are mostly found in cane farms  
7.30 T and T: 'Private Eyes'. The mob chases a young boy to prevent his father from giving his testimony before a court  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Beauty and the Beast  
9.30 TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes. A variety of unexpected events and practical jokes  
10.30 Feature film: 'Special Friendship'. The story took place during the civil war in America where Elizabeth sets her slave-women, Mary free and both co-operate with the Union Army  
12.00 News in Brief  
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown  
FRIDAY  
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 Silver Hawks: Cartoon serial  
6.30 Inter Bang: Gianni and Bruno receive help

## PRAYERS

Fajr	4.02 am
Zuhr	11.48
Asr	3.21 pm
Maghreb	6.11
Isha'a	7.30
FRIDAY	
Fajr	4.03 am
Friday prayer	11.48
Asr	3.21 pm
Maghreb	6.10
Isha'a	7.29

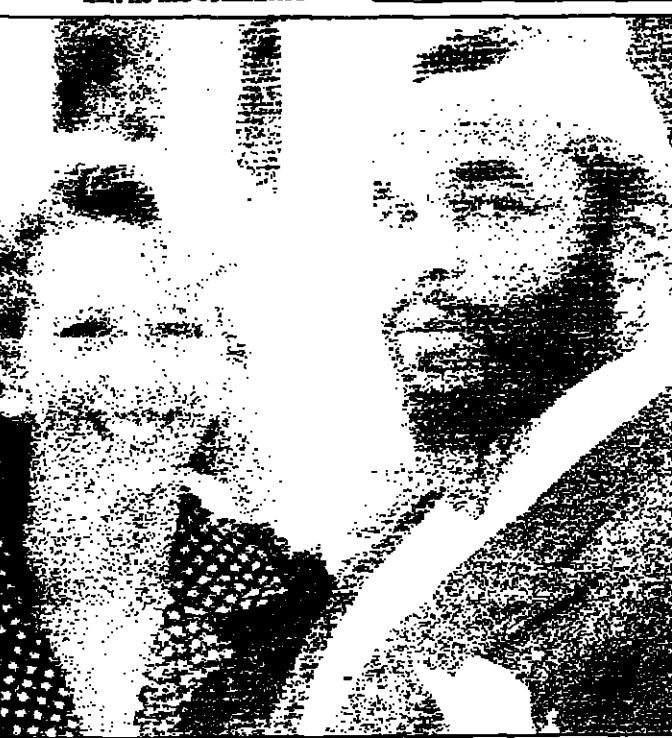
from a young Chinese woman while the killer is chasing them to get the Tower version  
7.00 Walt Disney: 'The Little Shepherd Dog of Catalina'. The story of a dog which lives on good terms and friendship with a farm owner  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Breaking Away. Recreational and entertainment activities carried out by the Touristic Enterprises Company (TEC) in various parts of Kuwait.  
8.45 Around the World  
9.15 Miami Vice: 'Missing Hours'. A corpse disappeared suddenly from the autopsy room. The team finds out that one of its members has signed a releasing receipt but she refuses to co-operate with them  
10.00 Valerie: 'Community Theatre'. Valerie makes her preparations to produce a play and she selects a beautiful girl as heroine where unexpected surprise awaits.  
10.30 Moonlighting: 'Perfect'. Dave and Maddie undertake the case of a man who alleges that he has committed



A scene from The Real Ghostbusters on KTV 2 at 6.10 pm today.

a crime 25 years ago and wants them to prove that he is guilty  
11.30 News in Brief  
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

Please note that programmes and things are liable to change without notice.



A scene from Miami Vice on KTV 2 at 9.15 pm on Friday.



A scene from T and T on KTV 2 at 7.30 pm today.



Rekha in 'Ek Hi Bhool' Hindi film on KTV 2 at 4.00 pm today.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Ghormata Pharmacy  
Fahd Al Saleem St.  
Al Rashid Bldg  
Ebin Seema Pharmacy  
Mubarak Al Kaber St  
Property of Motlag Al Reehan  
Najra and Hawaii  
Al Kandari Pharmacy  
Jabriya, Opp to the Asian Olympic Council

Sabab and Boudhara  
Al Baka Pharmacy  
Salmiya  
Al Huda  
Fahad  
Bastoor  
Fahad  
Qais Al Ghanem Bldg  
Farwaniya  
Al Jazeera Pharmacy  
Main St  
Hmoud Hayef Al Rasheedi Bldg  
Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Al Matari St  
Abdul Aziz Al Nasrallah Bldg

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.  
**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.  
**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.  
**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

## SOCIAL

**Farwell party**  
SEPT 1 (Friday): The Bangladesh Association will organise a farewell function for the Economic Counsellor Abdur Rahim Khan at 7 pm at the Bangladesh embassy premises. Bangladeshis are requested to contact for details with following persons: Moaz 4310970, Yusuf 4314193, Maksudur Rahman 4881595, Mozammel Haque 2551312, Ashraf Al Islam 4836235 and Abdur Rob 4316823.  
**People's Art Circle**  
A MEETING was held at Dr Riaz A. Mahesar's president Pakistan People's Club, residence to form a committee to organise musical shows and

dramas. As per Rafiq A Mirza, general secretary Pakistan Peoples Club, People's Art Circle is formed and is headed by Yakub Pasha with the following committee members: Salman Shah, Usthan Manzoor-ul-Hassan, Samir Sami, Syed Zafar, Mohd Musa Blouch, Qamar Pervez and Agha Saeed.

**Indian food festival**  
RAMADA Al Salam is organising an Indian food festival from Sunday Sept 3 till Thursday Sept 7, 1989. Big variety of delicious Indian dishes and sweets, this is beside the authentic Indian atmosphere tailored to match the occasion. Time: from 7 pm up to midnight. Place: El Bender Coffee Shop.

**Onam celebration**  
SEPT 14: It has been proposed to celebrate the Onam Festival at Indian Arts Circle. A committee is formed with Dr K.T.B. Menon and M. Mathews as the patrons. The programme will start at 7 pm with cultural programmes and will be followed by a fabulous traditional Ona Sadya. Passes will be available with KC Eapen. Tel: 2405100 (OIT) 5339425 (Res) C.T. Kuruvilla, 475628 (OIT) 5638602 (Res), Madhu, Tel: 5638762 (Res) or at IAC office 3904817.

**Syndicate live**  
SEPT 15: In a rare spirit of camaraderie, two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, the Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will jointly host 'Syndicate Live', a musical extravaganza, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium, featuring Goa's one and only, The Syndicate, with Kuwait's Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones with a host of local artists. Watch out for booking plans.

**Kalpak exhibition**  
SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature

Promoting Association of Kuwait (KAPAK) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone No: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

**Melody Night '89**  
AN evening of popular Indian music by local stars from 6.30 pm to 10 pm on Friday 8th Sept '89, at the Sharq Co-op Society Hall. For details contact Tel: 5640389 between 3.00 pm and 10.00 pm or Al Bahar Video, Tel: 5615730.

**Filecheck chess**  
SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filecheck) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first 'Active Chess Tournament'.

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

**Breeze '89**  
OCT 26: Tivim Centre's - Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casmir or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

**British Council**  
THE British Council presents 'Briefing on Britain' a special video presentation for students who are going to Britain this autumn for higher education. Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? If so, and if you would like to participate in complimentary briefing sessions please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel. 2515512/253 3204/253 3227.

**Star Nite**  
DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD.3/- from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Others KD.4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tele. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

**Flassik's contest**  
FINAL preparations are now under way for the ultimate singing contest in Kuwait held for the Filipino population in this Gulf state.

Flassik president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias announced that auditions are held at the Far East Restaurant on Fridays, August 18 and 25 and 11 am and 4 pm and on Sundays August 13, 20 and 27 at 5 pm. Participants are encouraged to bring their music tapes. Last Friday's auditions yielded a bevy of song lovers who will vie for valuable prizes during the contest slated for Friday September 1, at 4 pm, at the Meridian Hotel. For more particulars, kindly contact the following Flassik officers: Chary Nepomuceno Tel. 5624509, Rose Formantes: 4843601, Malon Tadana: 4881358, Esther Madamba: 5312700 ext 4221, Marilyn Inductivo: 3940600 ext. 2230 & 4521 and other Flassik officers or the event vice-chairman Al Castro of Martin Marietta Data Systems.

**D'Asiatic Association**  
OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Asiatic ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

**Konkani drama**  
NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's 'Chinnam Zalim Sopnam' at the IAC (Funatics). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa 'Jachno Vaz' along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GPO).

## HOTELS

**At the Pullman Hotel**  
AL Shallal coffee shop: Offers daily businessman's lunch 'autour d'un plat' at a reasonable price. Serves Arabic and international dishes. Live music nightly from 7.30 pm.  
Les Elysees Restaurant: Experience the ambience of French seating and meticulous service while savouring authentic French food offered on our 'menu degustation', a four course meal served with a touch of nouvelle cuisine. For reservations, call: 5634200

**At the SAS hotel**  
AL GHAZAEE: SAS hotel's very own handicrafted dhow. Available for half day or whole day trip along the Gulf coast-

line. Food, beverages and fishing tackle provided on board. For booking, call 5657000 ext 416.

**AL BOOM:** Dine on charcoal grilled foods and finish off with della coffee. Open for dinner daily, lunch every Thursday and Friday and for reservation call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

**PEACOCK ROOM:** Chinese specialties served in a very cozy atmosphere. Open for lunch and dinner. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.

**EEDAM:** Wide varieties of delectable home-made goodies, freshly baked items to choose from. Eedam daily specials also available.

**CLOCK:** Only drive-in restaurant in Kuwait. Serves wide selections of fast food including our very own specialties.

**At the Kuwait International**  
LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.

**Falaka:** Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext 8012.

**Garden Pool:** Relax and enjoy our poolside barbeque event every Friday afternoon.

**La Patisserie:** Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings.

**At the Kuwait Plaza hotel**  
SPECIAL breakfast: Al-Dallah coffee shop features the breakfast you like most. Full buffet of all kind of delicious dishes to be savoured by you. Eat as much as you can and whatever dish you fancy for only KD.995 only.

**Special lunch and dinner:** Also at Al Dallah coffee shop the buffet for lunch and dinner full of varieties of continental, oriental and Arabic food with Plaza special touch plus delectable sweets and fruits of the season. All these and more for only KD.2.995.

**Roman nights:** The Italian restaurant in the heart of Kuwait takes you to the heart of Rome. Enjoy our exotic Italian specialties and our wide variety of Italian dishes with the music of our resident duo Stan and Alice.

**At the Mesallish Beach**  
AL MUBARAKIAH: The only 24-hour restaurant in

Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and Continental specialties with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a la carte menu.

**Al Jawharah Super Night Club:** Live entertainment by the resident 'Rainbow' band with extensive a la carte menu on Wednesdays and special buffet on Thursdays.

**Al Berdowneh beach garden restaurant:** open daily Sunday-Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills, Lebanese mezza, freshly baked markouk bread and hubble bubble.

## FILM

**Britisr Council**  
CHILDRENS film: The Little Prince-Far for the Love of Animals on Wednesday, Aug 30 at 6.00 pm and Thursday, Aug 31 at 10.30 pm.

An enchanting animated adaptation of the classical tale by Antoine de Saint Exupery. Join the little prince as he catches a flaming comet for a ride down to his favourite planet earth (running time 50 mins).

Admission is free, but it is advisable to book seats in advance. Tel: 2515512/2533204/2533227.

## SPORTS

## IAC badminton

SEPT 7, Indian Arts Circle (IAC) will organise a badminton tournament open to all Indians in Kuwait. All those wishing to participate are requested to contact the organising committee for further information and entry forms: Contact IAC office Tel: 3904817 (6.30 to 10.30 pm); P.K. Koshy, Tel: 3985278 or 3913076; Vijay Sharma, Tel: 2401534 or 2644863; Philip Cherian, Tel: 4741946 or 4330041. The last date for entry is Sept 2.

**Unity Thursday League**  
TEAMS wishing to play in the Unity Thursday League at Ahmadi are kindly requested to contact Abdulla Mohammed (Tel: 39895456) or Denzil Meneses (Tel: 3989671) after 4.30 pm for more details. Closing date for entries on Sept 10.

**Ahmadi kart racing**  
NEW season starts Sept 29, 1989. Pre-season meeting for all drivers, helpers, etc. at the Ahmadi track clubhouse on Tuesday, Sept 1989 at 8.00 pm. People interested in participating as drivers or helpers welcome to attend. Please contact Mike Snell on 2441505, 2426997 or 9013541 for further information.

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
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Al Hamra  
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Al Fahad  
Jantrana  
Al Jahra  
Arabic film  
Granada  
A Take Out

Al Salmiya  
Revenge of Nerds II  
Salaibkhat  
Deadly Illusion  
Al Jeeb  
Door Desh  
FRIDAY  
Al Jahra  
Arthur 2 on the Rocks  
Granada  
Rooftop Tera Mastana  
Al Jahra  
Lowies Land  
Al Jeeb  
Pyr Kiye Jaa

## First Pepsi-Sanyo soccer promotion prize draw

THE first of three prize draws in the spectacular soccer promotion currently being organised by Pepsi-Cola and Sanyo will be held at the Kuwait National Bottling Co. (Pepsi-Cola plant) at Sabhan industrial area at 6 pm on Saturday, Sept 2, under the direction of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

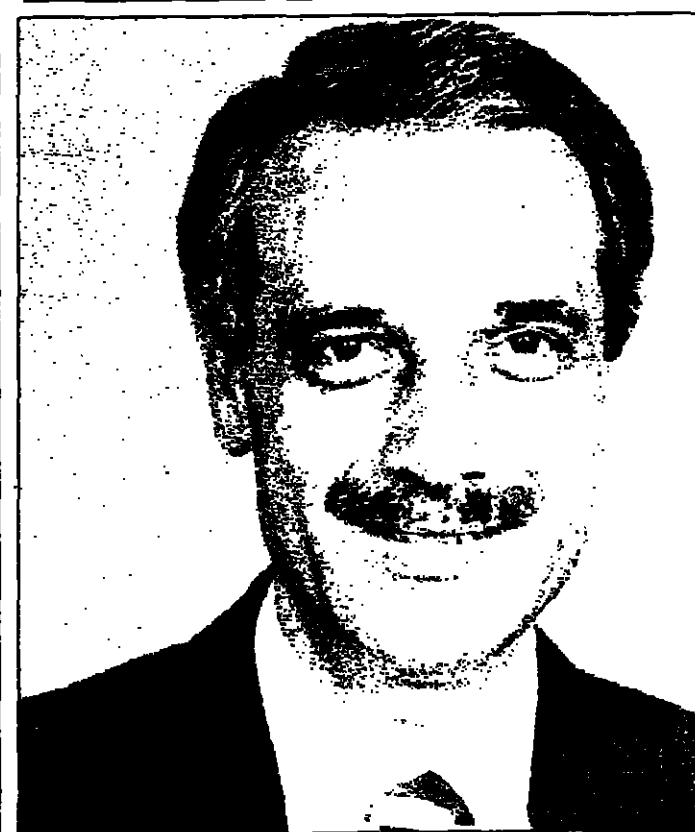
One of the prizes will be a sparkling football made of 22-carat gold weighing one kg. Thirty-five other prizes of Sanyo electronic and hi-fi products from the company's 'Premier Collection' will also be won at the same draw.

"We have had a great response to the promotion so far," says Farouk Fannoush, marketing and sales manager for Kuwait National Bottling

Company, the Pepsi bottler. "Our in-store displays are attracting a lot of attention and there have been many redemptions for the instant prizes shown under the special bottle crowns and can ring-pulls of Pepsi products."

Anyone finding a special raffle draw symbol should trade this in at the redemption centres or through our salesmen for raffle draw tickets. Only completed tickets are eligible for the draw on Saturday.

"One lucky person is going to get all that gold, but even if you are not lucky this time there are two further draws scheduled for Oct 1 and Nov 1, so make sure you buy the special cans of Pepsi products to ensure you have a chance of winning," says Fannoush.



## New appointment

Lufthansa has announced a new appointment at their Dubai office. Antoine Hani has joined the Dubai team as public relations manager for the Gulf and Pakistan.

Lebanese born Hani is not however, a newcomer to Lufthansa. In fact, he has been employed in the financial sector of the airline for 27 years. Lately he was based in Kuwait, where he held the position of financial manager, responsible for both personnel and financial matters. Previous postings have included Lebanon, Germany and Sudan.

## Polaroid winners

THE Pan-Gulf winners of Polaroid's exciting 'Instantly Yours' competition have been notified of their successful entries. The seven lucky winners from Kuwait, UAE, Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia will all receive the fantastic prize of a seven day holiday for two to Disneyland USA, flown courtesy of Lufthansa German Airlines.

The competition, which was launched to coincide with the introduction of the latest Polaroid Impulse Camera and 600 Plus film, required entrants to fill out the entry form accompanying the new film and sub-

mit it with a Polaroid photograph depicting instant fun.

The dealers selling the winning entry forms also win with Polaroid. The winning names of 'Instantly Yours' are Mohammed Al Hasan, Mohamed Othman, Dubai, UAE; Saleh Mubarak Salem, Naser Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Ahmed Mohamed Sheer, Madina, Saudi Arabia; Abdul Rahman Bin Haji Abdulrazak, Shaikh Makkah, Saudi Arabia; Mohamed Khalaf Almohandi, Doha, Qatar; Yaser Salem Ali Alisabahi, Oman; Mrs Olga Periera, Kuwait.



## BOOK REVIEW

# Into the world of imagination again

ALONG Australia's hauntingly beautiful Queensland coast, old Alec lives on a falling-apart houseboat with his scrappy fox terrier, Ben.

Miss Higgins, the welfare lady, is trying to force them into an old folk's home and Alec wants no part of it.

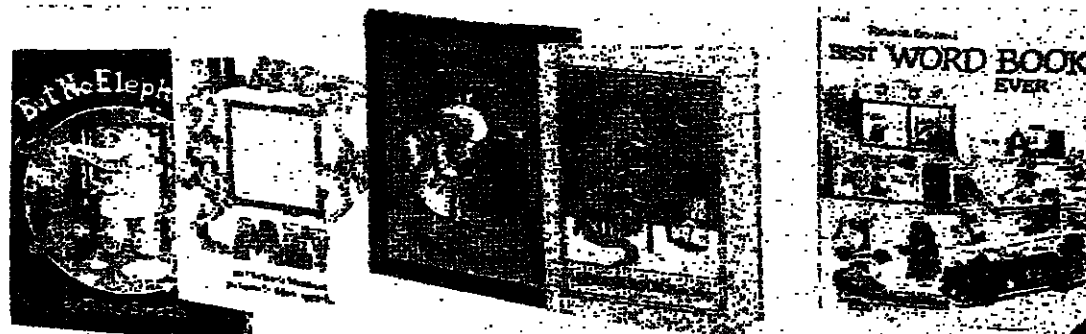
"I got me own boat. I do as I like, come and go as I please. You'll not get me into a home for Old Dodderers," he tells her. "I have me own personal beach — beat that! A film star wouldn't live better than I do. Look at the view. Look at the pelicans and seagulls."

All Miss Higgins can see is the rotting boards, the dirty towel on the line, Alec's wobbly walk and the single can of dogfood in

the cupboards. She vows to have the boat condemned and Alec in the sunshine home.

Alec's savior comes in the person of young Chris. They plan to get the boat ready for a voyage to the great barrier reef. It is though Alec has become young again. He starts writing a list of everything he must do before they set sail. He gets his first good night's sleep in years.

But his dream is shattered in a violent storm. Unexpectedly, the soft bright light of morning brings a happy-ever-after ending. "Waiting for May" by Thyra Davey (doubleday, 32 pp., ages 7 and up) is a jewel. The writing is taut and feisty. But it is the paintings that are so extraordinary. They carry a wealth of fine detail and masterful light. A nearly perfect book.



Pioneer life in America in the 1870s is the backdrop of *Jenny of the Tetons* by Kristiana Gregory (Harcourt, 125 pp., ages 8-12). Carrie Hill is orphaned in an Indian attack. An English trapper, Beaver Dick, takes her home with him to help his wife care for their five children. To Carrie's dismay, Beaver Dick's wife, Jenny, is a shoshone Indian. From the first day she arrives, Jenny is determined to run away.

That Carrie comes to love Jenny is no surprise. The surprise lies in the authenticity of the details and unfolding of the Indian way of life. This is an achingly sad book, often touched with majesty.

Jan Hudson's *Sweetgrass* (Philomel, 165 pp., ages 8-12) is a gentle coming-of-age story. It unfolds in the theatries of Northwestern Canada as Sweetgrass, 15, a blackfoot Indian, tries to save her family and her tribe from smallpox. A lyrical and strong work.

*Albert and Victoria* by Deborah Gangloff and illustrated by Bill Woodman (Crown, 80 pp., ages 8 and up) takes place in, and along, the walls of the best address in Manhattan — the Empire State Building. Albert and Victoria are best friends, two snug little bugs. But Victoria rebels at having to sleep the winter away and decides not to hibernate. A dashing moth, Philippe, carries her to the roof of the building and the heat of the great lights. Albert

feels so alone, and decides to go after her. After all, what's life without friends? A heroic tale, full of charm.

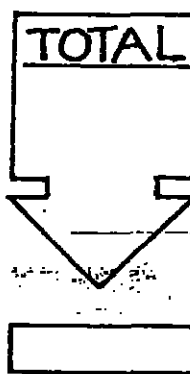
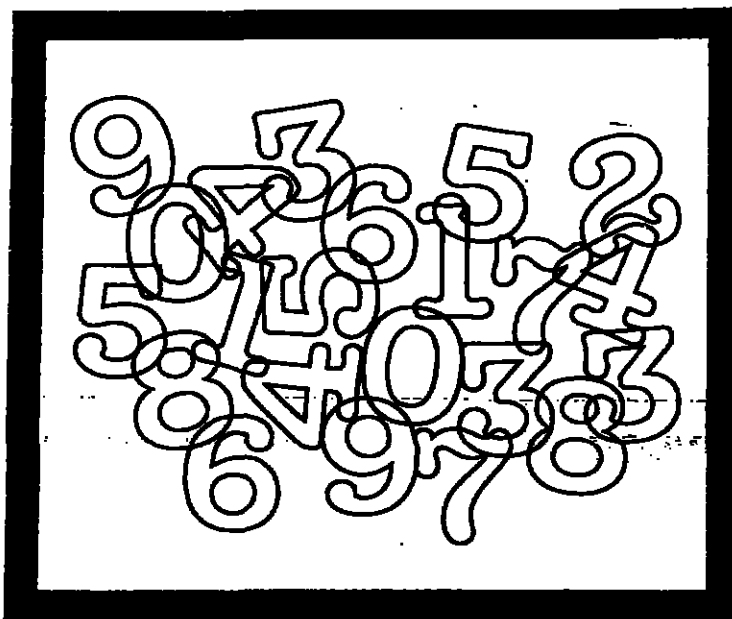
*Rebel's choice* by Patricia Harrison Easton (Harcourt, 160 pp., ages 12 and up) revels in race-track lore. Rob Walsh, 16, comes to spend the summer with his dad at the Farmington Track, hoping to go into business with him. But Rob discovers just how irresponsible his father can be. Increasingly alone, he begins hanging around with a bunch of losers and a six-pack behind him. His struggle for self-worth is riveting drama. First rate and convincing.

*Dissidents* by Neal Shusterman (Little, Brown, 190 pp., ages 12 and up) life is not easy for Derek Ferretti. His mom is the ambassador to the Soviet Union. His sister is perfect. He is in love with the daughter of an exiled dissident and his good friend turns out to be KGB agent. As improbable as all this sounds, Shusterman has done fine work. "There is a good deal of suspense and quirky humour. And just the proper touch of heroics."

*Paddle, Said the Swan* by Gloria Kamen (Atheneum, 32 pp., ages 3-5) the sun rises and the young animals with it. The sun sets and the young animals set off to slumber (or not). Gentle fun and just perfect for setting down for the night.

## NUMBER JUMBLE

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

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### Dear Junior Readers,

Going to school means possibly baring yourself to microbes and germs which have recently infected other students, friends or not. It is therefore, important that you keep as clean as possible to ensure you stay healthy.

By this I mean that you must wash your hands thoroughly after you go to the toilet and after you play in the playground and after PE lessons. Also, stay safe away from those who look ill or look as if they have just recovered.

The most dangerous germs are found in the form of viruses. They are tiny and need a lot of things to aid their growth. And guess what... we are their most vulnerable hosts!

Viruses cause many, many diseases with which

we are all familiar. In attacking organs of the body, each group of viruses causes a different group of diseases.

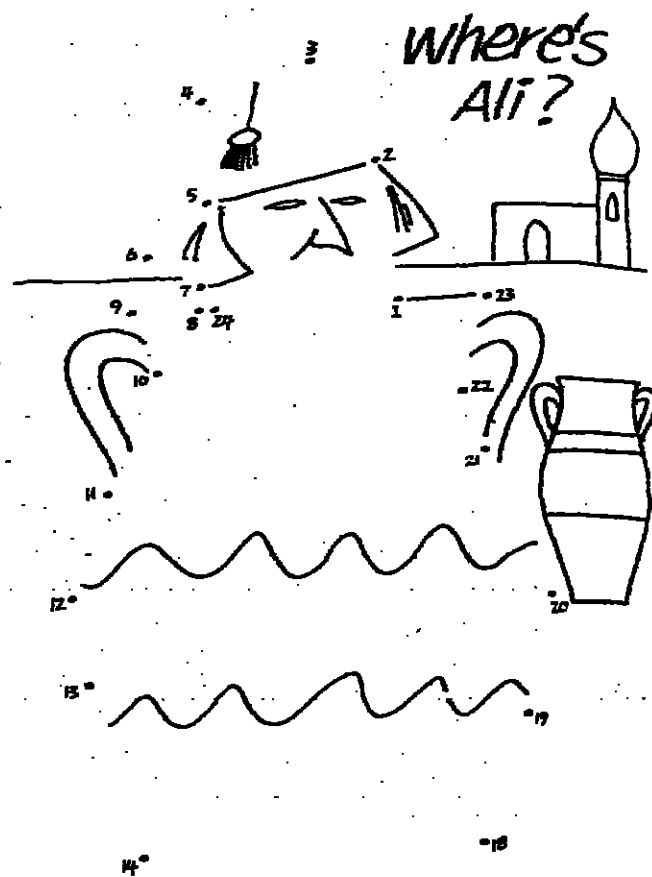
Some of the diseases caused by skin-attacking viruses are chickenpox, smallpox, measles, German measles and fever blisters.

Other viruses cause diseases of the nerve tissue, such as rabies, brain fever and infantile paralysis (these, thank God, are not easily spread).

A third group of viruses cause diseases in the internal organs. Yellow fever, influenza, the common cold and viral liver inflammation are examples of this group. This group is the most easily transmitted. So keep aware!

Manal

### Join the dots



## School starters



Nawaf Hamid Parkar is going to school for the first time this year. Nawaf, of Indian nationality, is going to the Indian School Abbasiya and wants to be a doctor when he grows up.



Astra Menezes is going to start school this year. Astra, of Indian nationality, will be going to the Indian School in Manga and wishes to be the first Indian astronaut when she grows up!

## Birthday coupon

Is your birthday to come soon? Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times? Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday! Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend brother or sister by putting their picture in for them. The details we need are:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(confidential)

Your favourite most recent picture (4x6)

Send to:  
**ARAB@TIME**  
Junior Times  
P.O. Box 2270  
13023, Safat,  
Kuwait  
To avoid belated greetings please send within a week before the special date

## Going to school

Are you going to school for the first time? You must be really excited. Send the coupon to and celebrate your first day at school with all your fellow readers. Just fill in the information required and the address is as always!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_  
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School: \_\_\_\_\_  
What you want to be when you grow up: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Favourite 4x6 photograph

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### Colouring time



### Just for laughs

A shop assistant saw this man walking round the store shouting out, "Fido! Bonzo! Rover!" and things like that.

She said, "What're you doing that for?" He said, "It says DOGS MUST BE CARRIED UP THE ESCALATOR. So I'm looking for a dog."

This couple went to a hotel, for their holidays. The man was very, very mean, as well as stooped. He said to the manager, "This room's expensive."

"Well you see sir," said the manager, "It's £10 extra for a room overlooking the sea."

"Tell you what," said the man, "I'll promise not to look."

This man and this dog were playing draughts, and the dog won. A chap who was watching said, "My word, what an amazing dog. He could make you a fortune."

"No," said the man, "He's not that good. I've beaten him once or twice."

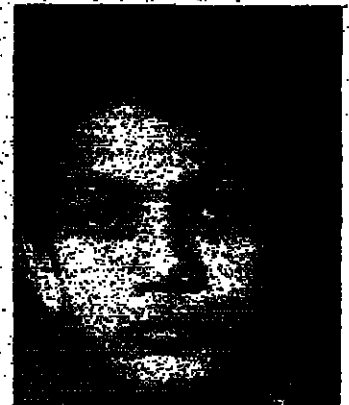
A friend of mine's a runner. He reckons he can do a three-minute mile. Mind you, he knows a short cut.

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Lorian John celebrates her 10th birthday today, August 31. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.  
Lorian goes to Jesus and Mary School in Lahore and likes reading and collecting stamps.



Ashay Kshirsagar celebrates his 12th birthday today, August 31. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.  
Ashay goes to the Indian School and likes photography and painting.



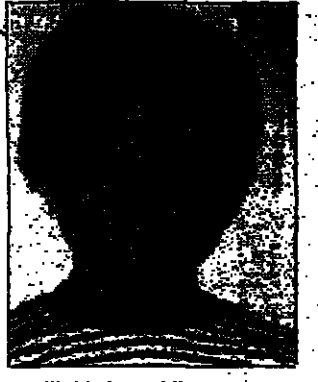
Fathima Shifani Mahroof celebrates her 3rd birthday on September 1. Happy birthday from parents, friends and family.  
Fathima likes playing with toys and watching television.



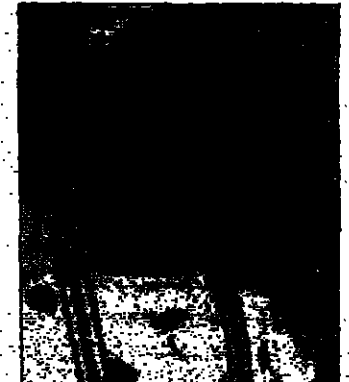
Louis Xavier D'costa celebrates his 6th birthday on September 2. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.  
Louis goes to Carmel School and enjoys cycling, drawing and reading.



Amrin Azad Hossain celebrates her 10th birthday on September 1. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.  
Amrin goes to the Bangladesh School Kuwait and likes music and reading.



Malik Haider Ali celebrates his 7th birthday on September 1. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.  
Malik goes to the International School of Pakistan and likes painting and reading autobiographies.



Tasneem Hashimbhai (Howkwa) celebrates her 4th birthday on September 1. Happy birthday from papa, mum, brother, uncle, auntie and relatives.  
Tasneem enjoys playing and watching television.



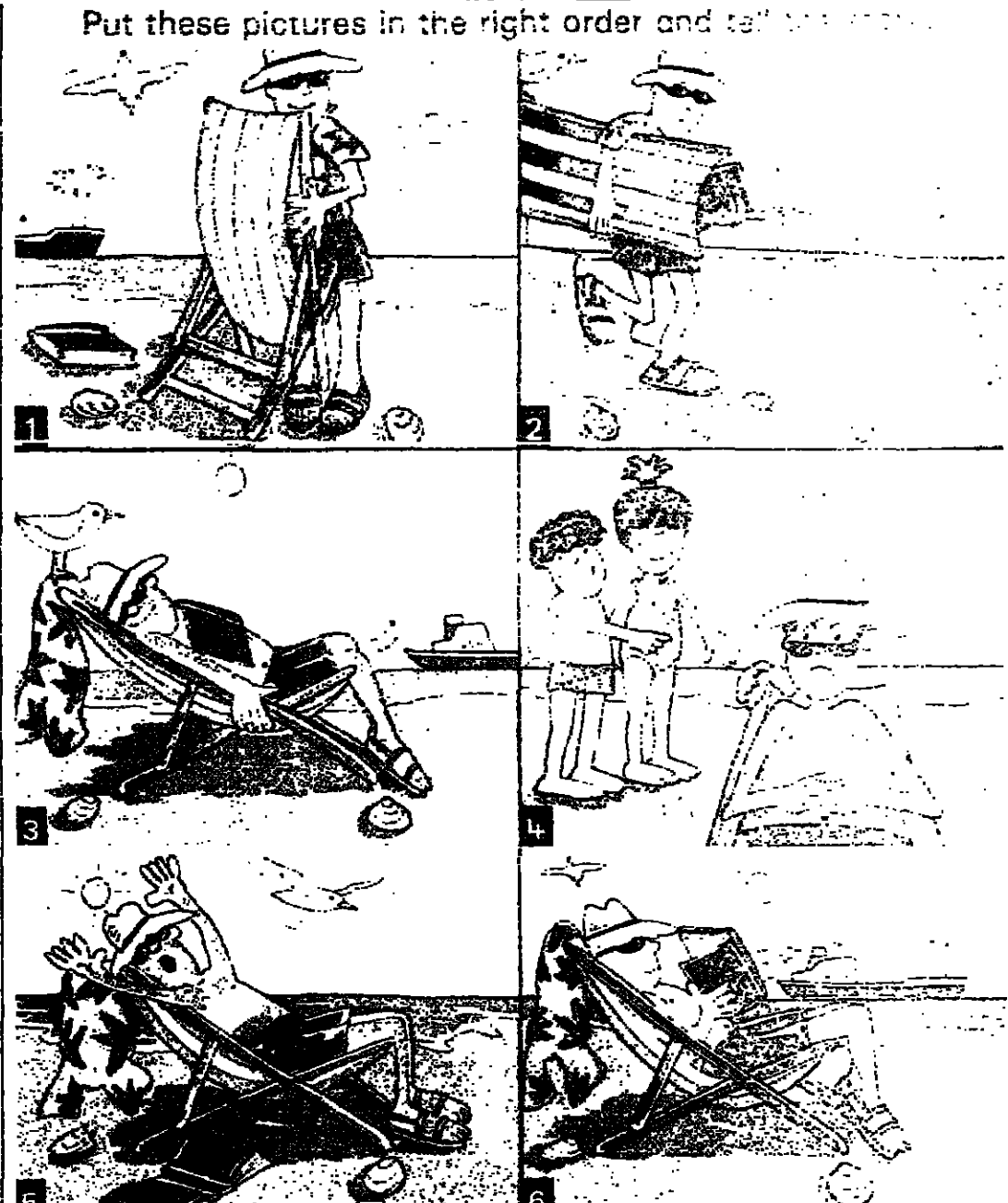
Malik Mohammed Qaiser celebrates his 4th birthday on September 1. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.  
Malik goes to the International School of Pakistan and likes watching Grandizor cartoons and acting.



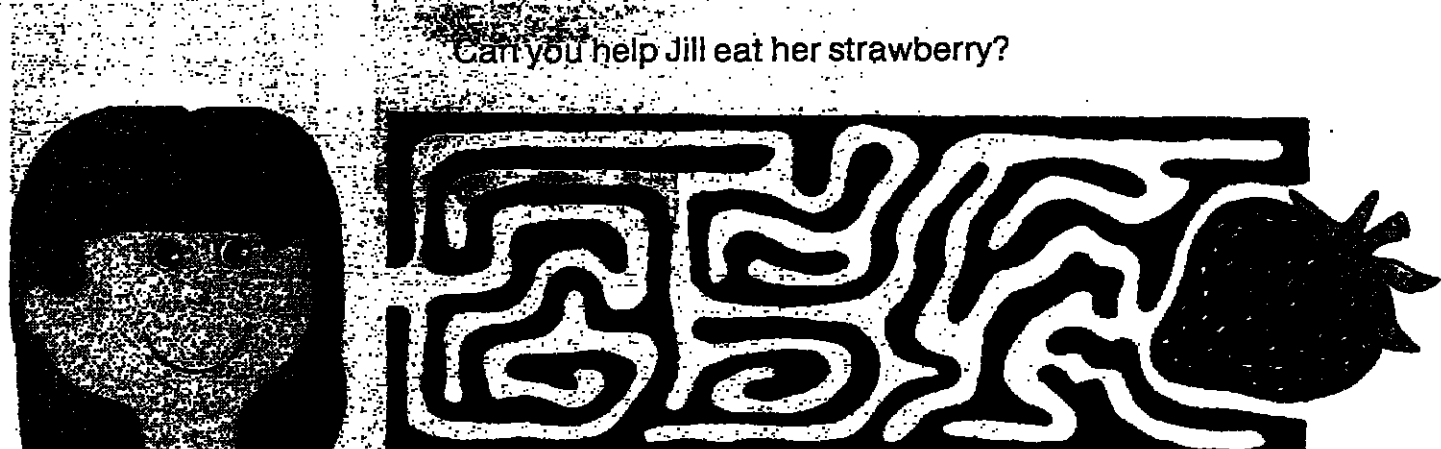
Faisal Altaf Khan celebrated his 13th birthday on August 28. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.  
Faisal goes to the Pakistani School and College and his hobbies are car racing and football.



Yusuf Outbuddin Ragib celebrated his 9th birthday on August 30. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.  
Yusuf goes to the New Indian School and likes cartoons and collecting coins.



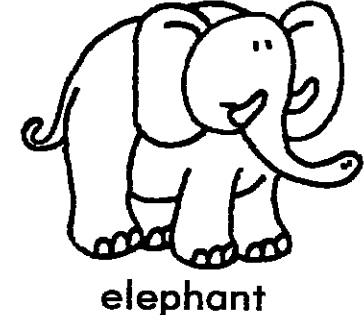
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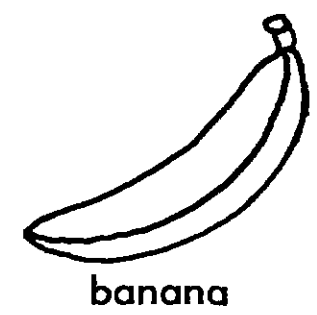
Can you help Jill eat her strawberry?

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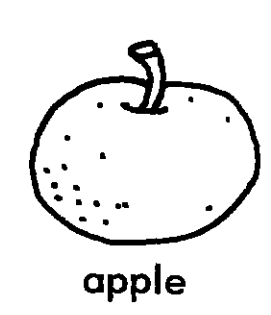
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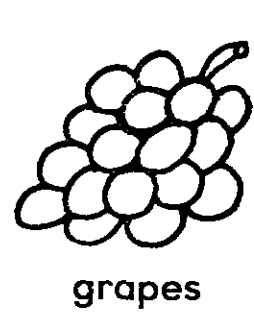
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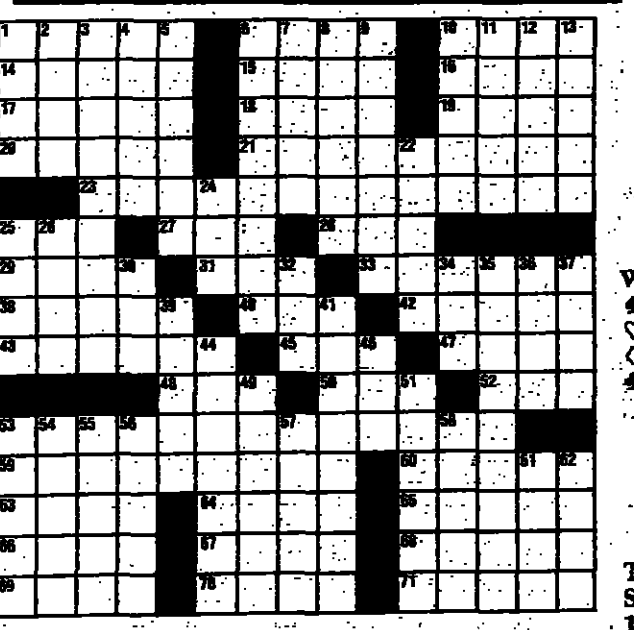


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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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  - 16 Impel to action
  - 17 Savory tomato jelly
  - 18 Crystal gazer
  - 19 Former filly
  - 20 Believer in God
  - 21 Multiples
  - 23 Georgia-Alabama border river
  - 25 Tennis term
  - 27 Louis XIV, e.g.
  - 28 Hesitant sounds
  - 29 Mixture
  - 31 Stowe's little heroine
  - 33 Fodder of a type
  - 38 Then, in Paris
  - 40 Stat. for Gooden
  - 42 Journalist Bly
  - 43 Group of five
  - 45 Peer Gynt's mother
  - 47 Skid
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  - 50 Snoop
  - 52 Poetic contraction
  - 53 Weather forecaster
  - 59 Solitude
  - 60 Revolutionary
  - 63 Italian wine center
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  - 67 City near Tahoe
  - 68 Helps with the dishes
  - 69 Inactive
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  - 10 Poisonous shrub
  - 11 Junk
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  - 14 members
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  - 25 "Dallas" is one
  - 26 Fashion magazine from
  - 30 Morsel
  - 32 Southern constellation
  - 34 "— Sylphides"
  - 35 Insecticide
  - 36 Adhesive
  - 37 Looker
  - 39 Subject for 66
  - 41 Look for — (seek backing)
  - 44 Snakebirds
  - 46 Unit of energy
  - 49 Evening party
  - 51 Caphtulists
  - 53 "— Vice"
  - 54 Ancient chariot
  - 55 Sun
  - 56 Abridge
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  - 61 Filpene
  - 62 Cyrano's problem

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
SPOT THE COMBINATION

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**

♠ A J 4  
♥ K 7 2  
♦ K 10 9 7 3 2  
♣ 5

**WEST**

♠ Q 9 7 6  
♥ J 10 5  
♦ 8 5  
♣ K Q J 2

**EAST**

♠ K 8 2  
♥ Q 8 6 4  
♦ Q  
♣ 8 7 6 4 3

**SOUTH**

♠ 10 5 3  
♥ A 9 3  
♦ A J 6 4  
♣ A 10 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
3 NT Pass 5 ♠ Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

We have often been asked for the one great secret to winning bridge. Are you ready for this? Find yourself a good partner! North had a lot to be thankful for on this hand.

With his collection of losers, North should have realized that, since his hand was likely to produce at least six tricks for partner, nine tricks might prove easier to make than 11. At three no trump, South would have indulged in the pleasant

luxury of simply gathering tricks. Five diamonds was another matter. West led a top club, and declarer could see three possible losers—two spades and a heart. Had South's ten of spades been a low spot card, there would have been only one hope for the contract—to find West with both the king and queen in the suit. Possession of the lowest honor in the suit, however, changed the odds from slight to a sure thing.

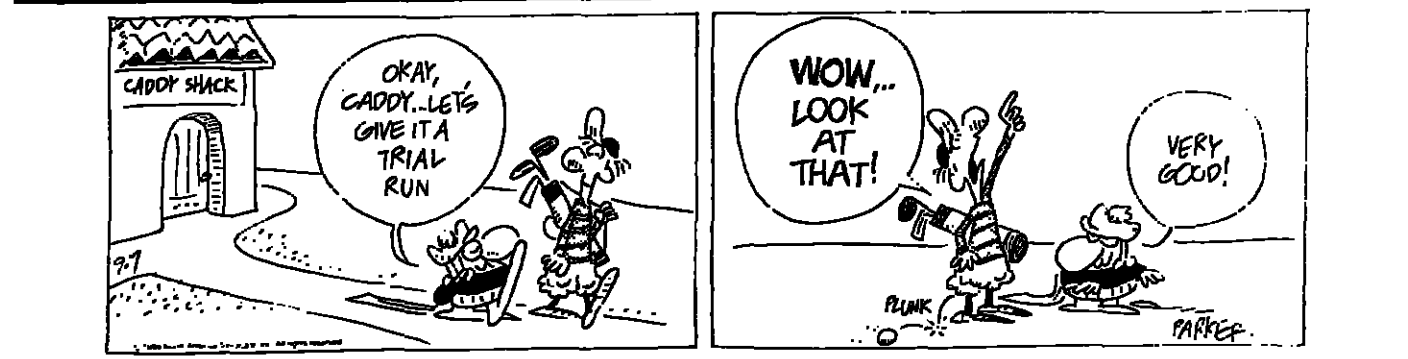
Declarer won the first trick with the ace of clubs, cashed the king and ace of trumps and ruffed a club in dummy. After coming to hand with the ace of hearts, another club ruff prepared the ground for an endplay.

The king of hearts was cashed and declarer exited with a heart, not caring who won the trick.

Whichever defender gained the lead would have to break the spade suit, since either hearts or clubs would present declarer with the contract via a ruff-shuff. If East won the third heart, his forced return into the spade tenace would limit his side to one spade trick. If West won, declarer would duck the trick to East, who would have to win with an honor and then lead a spade into the tenace. Either way, declarer was able to hold his spade losers to one trick.

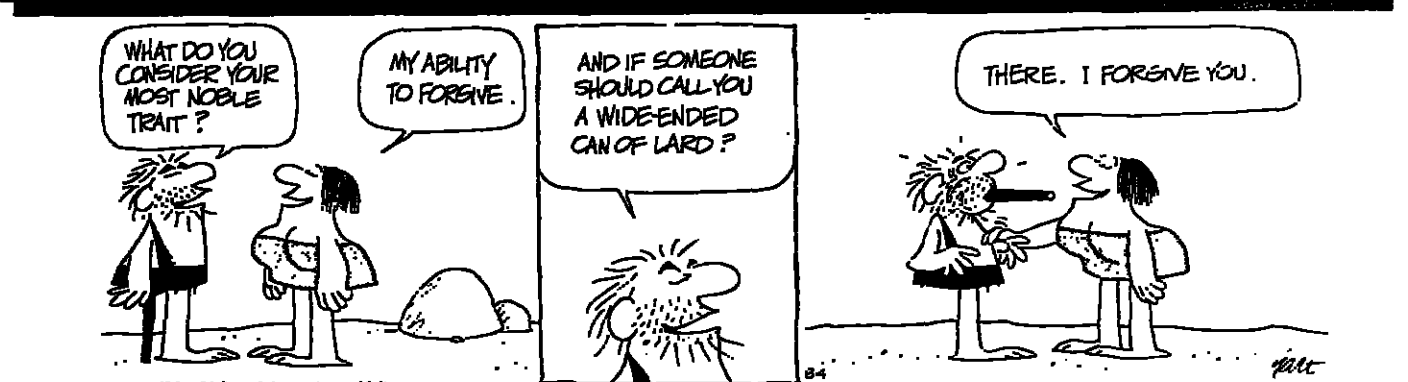
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## YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**

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**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**

You should not give up too soon with something you are trying to learn. There is no need to become discouraged even if there are a few setbacks. Do not think that there is no future for you. Be fair.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**

You should try to exercise just a little more self-control. You will be trying to do too many things all at once. Work hard but do not allow work to take up all your time. Be generous.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**

The situation will be somewhat complicated and you should make sure you do not make things worse. Others will to quite appreciate something you consider funny, do not persist with it.

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**

You will be able to settle a quarrel between two friends. They will be eternally grateful to you. Do not expect too much from others more from yourself. Be attentive.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**

Everything will take a little longer so try to get a move on. Do not use force where persuasion has not succeeded. Do not let others take the initiative from you. Be careful.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**

You may well have some good luck but it would be wrong to rely upon it. A problem the solution to which has escaped you will now revolve itself. You should make sure you do not do anything that would injure your health.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**

Only if you really are "too old" is it too late to learn. You should avoid playing with fire or ignoring the hazards. Make sure your partner does not feel neglected. Be objective.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**

You will feel like allowing yourself to succumb to a feeling of tiredness, don't. You should try to use just a little more commonsense. Do all you can to avoid becoming bored.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**

Try to be a little more tidy or else you will waste time just looking for things. There is little point in wisdom after the event, but you can learn from it. Use just a little more commonsense. Be tolerant.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

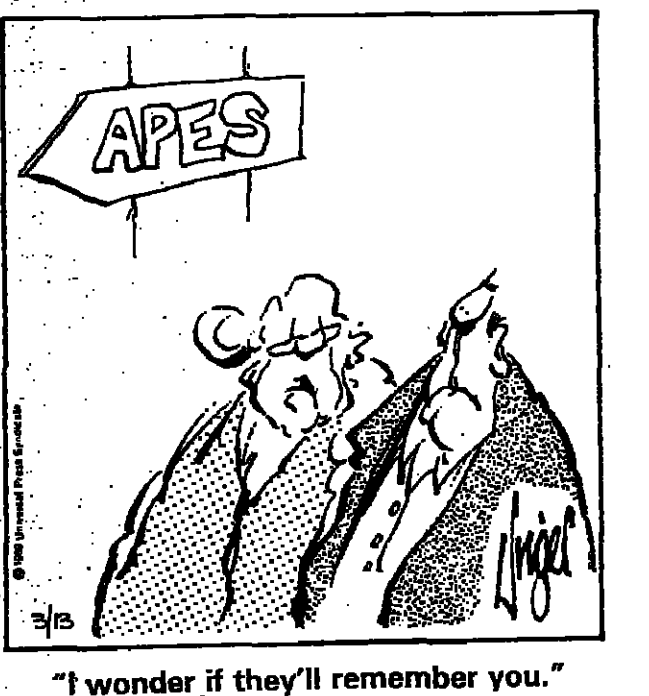
You should not allow yourself to be intimidated by what still remains to be done, just get on with it. Do not lose contact with a friend who has moved house.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**

At long last you will be able to make a little more rapid progress. Avoid sitting too long in one place. Your lucky numbers are 15 and 7. Look ahead to the future rather than back to the past. Be just.

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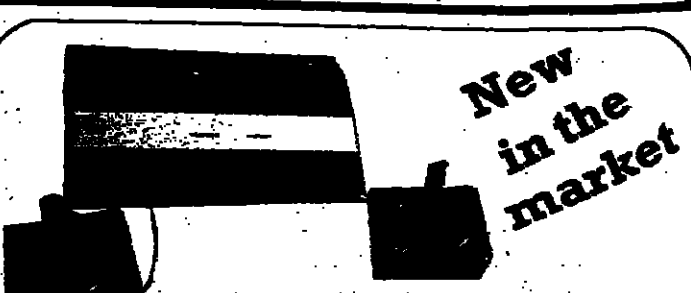
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# Worcester in line for English county title

LONDON, Aug 30, (Reuters). Worcestershire survived a rare failure from Graeme Hick to maintain their chance of clinching the English county cricket championship title against Gloucestershire at Worcester.

Worcester, needing 23 points to be sure of retaining the title, collected two batting bonus points but were indebted to discarded England opener Tim Curran who made a marathon 98 out of his side's 240 for eight in 45 overs.

Apart from Curran, who hit 11 fours, no-one

else topped 30 as the Gloucester bowlers held the upper hand for most of a gloomy day. Hick was L&W for 19.

Second-placed Essex were held up by Surrey's Alec Stewart as they sought to close the 26-point gap at the top.

Stewart hit 120 to strengthen his claims for inclusion as a wicketkeeper-batsman on England's tour to the West Indies as Surrey struggled to 225 for eight before bad light ended play 28 overs early.

West Indian fast bowler Winston Benjamin caused Derbyshire problems at Leicester, taking two wickets in his first over of the morning. Derbyshire recovered slightly to 159 for seven by the close.

Sussex's Ian Gould scored his first century for two years as Sussex surged to 430 all out against Hampshire having been reduced to three for two in the first over.

Gould made 125 and Alan Wells and Tony Pigott both hit 91 in quick time. Dutch seamer

Paul Jan Bakker took five for 83.

Ashley Metcalfe lifted Yorkshire's sagging morale with an unbeaten 84 out of his side's 178 for three on a shortened day against Warwickshire at Headingley.

Yorkshire fast bowler Paul Jarvis, member of a planned rebel tour to South Africa, was the subject of a banner-waving protest by several anti-apartheid demonstrators when he arrived at the ground before the start.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### US coach

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 30, (Reuters). A hearing will be held on September 20 into allegations that US track coach Chuck Debus dispensed performance-enhancing drugs to athletes, the athletics congress announced yesterday.

### Cycling events

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, Aug 30, (AP). The US cycling Federation announced yesterday that two world cycling championships have been awarded to the United States by the International Cycling Union. World Mountain Bike Championships and the 1991 Junior World Championships.

### Flying start

DUNDEE, Scotland, Aug 30, (AP). Defending champion Malcolm Elliott got off to a flying start when the six-day tour of Britain cycle race began yesterday. The British professional raced to the top of the Lewis, a 571-foot climb overlooking this Scottish town in five minutes, 48.99 seconds to take a lead of 11 seconds over fellow Briton Paul Curran and outpace the rest of the 87-man field in the opening 4.02-km (2.7-mile) time trial.

### Dog race

WASILLA, Alaska, Aug 30, (AP). Two teams from the Soviet Union are expected to enter the 1990 Iditarod Trail sled dog race from Anchorage to Nome, race officials say.

### ATP events

NEW YORK, Aug 30, (Reuters). The ATP Council of Tennis Professionals has approved the players' group that will stage men's tour starting in January, announced yesterday it was removing two South African tournaments from its 1990 schedule.

### 2004 Games

WEST BERLIN, Aug 30, (Reuters). West Berlin decided yesterday to organise a feasibility study of its proposal to host the 2004 Olympic Games with East Berlin. The study group is due to report back to the city government before the end of the year.

### Welsh exodus

LONDON, Aug 30, (Reuters). Jonathan Davies, Wales and British Lions centre, joined a Welsh exodus from rugby union to professional Rugby League when he signed for League champions Wigan yesterday.

### Title fight

LOS ANGELES, Aug 30, (Reuters). Mexico's Daniel Zaragoza defends his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-bantamweight title tomorrow against 10th-ranked Frankie Duarte of the United States in a battle of two heavy-punching scrappers.

### Cycling record

ALTON, Illinois, Aug 30, (AP). When Bob Bevelode set a double-transcontinental cycling record, the slugging line and the finish line were the familiar heartland — but uphill terrain on the last leg gave him some trouble. "Coming back from New York to Alton it was very difficult. I was fatigued. I'm not used to climbing mountains in central Iowa," said Bevelode, 37, an orthopaedic surgeon from Des Moines.

### Joint bid

BRUSSELS, Aug 30, (Reuters). Belgium and the Netherlands are planning a joint bid to stage the 1996 European Soccer Championship. Belgium Soccer Federation president Gilbert Houllie said yesterday.

### Finnish squad

HELSINKI, Aug 30, (Reuters). Finnish soccer coach Jukka Vakkila has put his trust in the players who lost 1-0 at home to the Netherlands in May for his side's World Cup qualifying clash with Wales next week.

### 16th rebel

LONDON, Aug 30, (Reuters). Sussex batsman Alan Wells will be the 16th member of Mike Gatting's rebel English cricket team to tour South Africa next year. The 27-year-old Sussex batsman replaces Roland Butcher, who played in the five-week trip starting next January after condemnation from fellow black sportsmen.

### Games shortfall

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Aug 30, (AP). The New Zealand cabinet will meet next week to discuss a possible \$18 million shortfall in funding for the Commonwealth Games, which are scheduled to be held in Auckland in January.

### Strange fined

PONTE VEDRA, Florida, Aug 30, (AP). Curtis Strange was fined for on-course, on-camera remarks directed at a photographer during the PGA Championship, the PGA Tour said.

### Osamu triumphs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, Aug 30, (AP). Osamu Samsoniya of Kobe, Japan, beat Dennis Sullivan 2-and-1 yesterday in the second round of the 30th World Senior Golf Championships.

### Hockey season

TEAMS/CLUBS who participated in Unity Cricket & Hockey Association's 1988-89 hockey season have been invited to take part in the 1989-90 season. The season starts in Sept and teams can confirm their acceptance to Mohammed Naeem Janjua, Tel: 3987013 (residence) or 3989111 ext 7325. New players have also been invited to register themselves. Practice sessions will be held on Sundays and Tuesdays from Sunday, Sept 3.

# Millwall take top spot

## Charlton crush Chelsea

LONDON, Aug 30, (Reuters). A goal five minutes from time sent south London side Millwall to the top of the English Soccer First Division yesterday with a 2-2 away draw against Wimbledon.

Teddy Sheringham put Tony Casciaro through and he converted from close range to gain Millwall the draw in a match in which they came from behind twice.

Millwall's ascent to the top with eight points from four matches was aided by south London neighbours Charlton Athletic, who in another all-London duel crushed overnight leaders Chelsea 3-0.

Two goals from Paul Williams and a spectacular drive from Paul Mortimer gave Charlton, playing at their Selhurst Park home, their first win of the season.

In another First Division contest, Southampton beat Aston Villa 2-1, superb goal from Glenn Coker and Jimmy Case more than making up for a first half penalty miss by Paul Rideout against his former club. David Platt scored for Southampton.

Wimbledon were leading 1-0 through an eighth-minute Charlton Fairweather goal when cen-



Eric Young: sent off

tre half Eric Young, already booked for an earlier clash with Cascarino, was sent off in the 26th minute for pulling back Sheringham.

Four minutes before half time Millwall made their one-man advantage count when Casciaro flicked on Keith Stevens' throw, and Steve Anthrobus stabbed home from eight metres. It was his first goal for the club.

Some ferocious tackling earned Casciaro, Stevens, Terry Hurlock and Ian Dawes bookings in addition to Young's sending off.

Wimbledon went back in front in the 55th minute when Alan Cork scored with a chip. Millwall fought to save a point in the later stages, but it looked like they had failed until Casciaro struck.

Williams, an England under-21 striker, put Charlton 2-0 up in 24 minutes and Mortimer sealed a deserved victory 10 minutes from time with the best goal of the match. Defender Colin Pates drove the ball from the halfway line. Williams chested it down, and Mortimer took it in his stride before driving past Dave Beasant from the edge of the area.

Chelsea, with two wins out of three before the game, put on a lot of second half pressure but created few chances. They dropped to second in the table with seven points while Everton, Coventry and Charlton have six. Meanwhile, English soccer

was buzzing with transfer activity yesterday as Gary Pallister, the most expensive player to be traded between two domestic teams, prepared to start his first game for Manchester United and another United-bound player came to terms with his move breaking down.

**Results**  
English Division One  
Charlton 3 Chelsea 0  
Southampton 2 Aston Villa 1  
Wimbledon 2 Millwall 2  
Scottish League Cup fourth round

Hibernian 1 Dunfermline 3  
English League Cup first round, second leg

Aldershot 6 Peterborough 2 (Aldershot win 6-4 on aggregate)  
Bolton 5 Rochdale 1 (agg: 6-3)  
Brighton 1 (agg: 4-1)  
Barnley 0 Blackpool 1 (agg: 2-3)  
Bury 1 Stockport 1 (agg: 1-2)  
Carlisle 1 Halifax 0 (agg: 2-3)  
Chester 0 Crewe 2 (agg: 0-4)  
Chesterfield 1 Burningham 1 (agg: 2-3)  
Doncaster 1 Huddersfield 2 (agg: 2-3)  
Grimsby 2 Hull 0 (agg: 2-1)  
Oxford 2 Colchester 1 (agg: 6-4)  
Notts County 3 Shrewsbury 1 (agg: 3-4)  
Plymouth 0 Cardiff 2 (agg: 2-1)  
Portsmouth 2 Bristol 0 (agg: 2-1)

Reading 2 Bristol City 2 (agg: 5-4)  
Rotherham 1 Sheffield U 0 (agg: 2-1)  
Scunthorpe 1 Scarborough 1 (agg: 1-3)  
Sunderland 2 Colchester 1 (agg: 6-4)  
Swansea 1 Exeter 1 (agg: 1-4)  
Tranmere 3 Preston 1 (agg: 7-4)  
Wigan 5 Wrexham 0 (agg: 5-0)  
York 4 Hartlepool 1 (agg: 7-4)

# Iraq eye Palestine Cup

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Aug 30, (AP). Iraq will field a new-look youth team in the third Palestine soccer cup under-19 championships that kicks off tomorrow, seeking to take the trophy and end a year of disappointing results and a FIFA ban.

The Iraqis, under the direction of British coach William Asprey, have been training for more than two months in Budapest, playing Hungarian and Arab squads in preparation for what looks like being a tough tournament.

Among the favourites to win the 14-nation championships are Saudi Arabia, who won the second tourney in 1985, and Algeria, runners-up in that event which they hosted.

Saudi Arabia's under-16 team won the World Youth Cup two months ago by beating Scotland 5-4.

Asprey, 53, is a former player with England's Stoke City and Sheffield Wednesday clubs and a onetime sidekick of the legendary Stanley Matthews of England, one of soccer's greats.

Asprey said he believes he has forged his new-blood players from a "physically and tactically untrained" squad into a disciplined unit that will go in with a chance.

Asprey, who has coached the former Rhodesian national squad and Syria's national team, was hired five months ago to whip Iraq's youth teams into shape after the Iraqi Football Federation disbanded their national squads following a series of disastrous downings.

"The most important thing we've achieved is to build up discipline and a team spirit, which was badly needed," he said.

Most of the countries participating in the tourney have foreign coaches, which most Arab countries

rely in to help them in their drive to challenge the traditional domination of the game by Europe and South America.

The Iraqis, who won the first Palestine Cup tourney in Morocco in 1983, are desperate for a triumph in the two-week tournament to overcome the taint of a ban by the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA).

Earlier this year, 11 Iraqi teams under-23, under-19 and under-16 teams from playing in FIFA-organized international tournaments for two years after the Iraqis fielded an over-age player in the World Youth Cup tournament in Saudi Arabia.

The Iraqis have spent about 1.5 million dinars (\$4 million) on the tournament, which is co-sponsored by the Arab Football Federation.

The championship was postponed several times after FIFA banned matches in Iraq and Iran while the two countries were at war.

FIFA lifted the ban after fighting halted last August when a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire took effect.

Iraq is grouped with North Yemen, Morocco and Jordan in Group 1. All their preliminary matches will be played in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

Saudi Arabia faces strong challenges in Group 3 from Kuwait and Bahrain. Their matches will be played in the northern oil city of Kirkuk.

Egypt will not be playing because its application was made too late, official said.

South Yemen, Algeria and Tunisia will play their Group 4 matches in another northern city, Mosul.

Lebanon, which was to have been in Group 4, is not sending a team because of fighting between the Syrian Army and Christian forces.

# Maradona threatens legal action



Maradona

ROME, Aug 30, (Reuters). Diego Maradona today threatened legal action against his Italian club Napoli in a row over extending his holidays without permission.

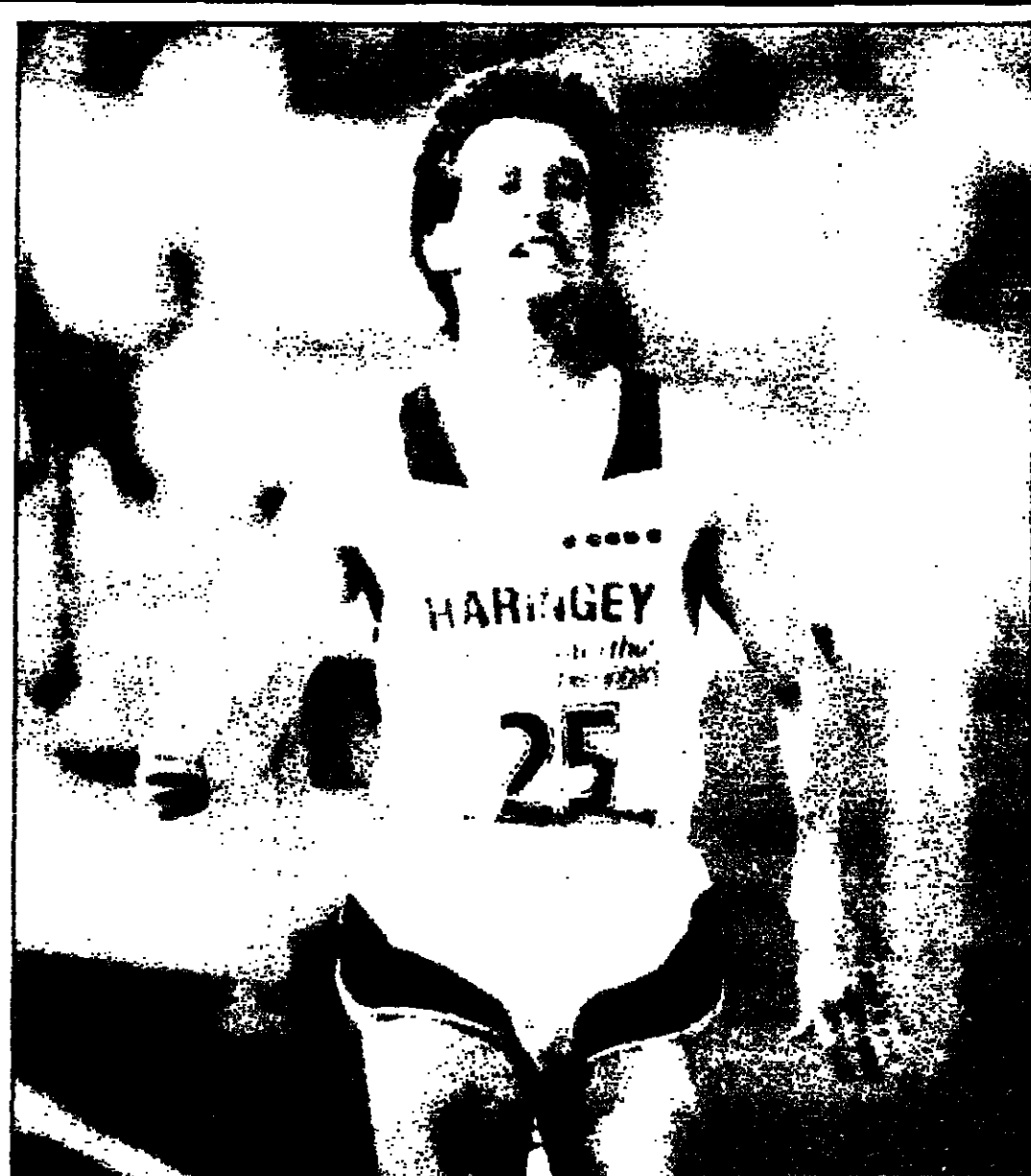
In an interview with Italian television from Buenos Aires, the Argentine World Cup captain said he would definitely be returning to Italy on Thursday, ending nearly a month of absence without leave.

"I will speak to (Napoli president Corrado) Ferlaino and tell him I have come to a drastic decision on this," Maradona said. "I've spoken to my lawyers and definitely everything they have said they will have to say again in court."

"Does that mean you are taking people to court," a reporter asked.

"All of them, yes, yes," Maradona replied.

UEFA Cup holders Napoli, after twice extending the Argentine World Cup captain's holiday, have begun disciplinary proceedings against him for refusing to return to Italy in time for last Sunday's start of the season.



Coe strains for the finish line. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Coe runs year's 2nd best 800m

BERNE, Aug 30, (Reuters). Britain's Sebastian Coe, the 800 metres world record holder, turned on the style in an international athletics meeting — his final appearance here — yesterday with the year's second best time of one minute 43.38 seconds.

Always in touch in a 50.44 seconds opening lap, Coe strode away to win easily from a world class field which included Kenyan stars Sammy Koskei and Nixon Kiprotich.

His winning time was just 0.19 seconds behind Kenyan Olympic champion Paul Ereng's year's best and just 1.65 seconds worse than his own world record of 1:41.73 set in 1981.

**Other results:**  
Men's 800 metres: 1. Sebastian Coe (Britain) one minute 43.38 seconds; 2. Babacar Niang (Senegal) 1:45.07; 3. Ray Brown (US) 1:45.11; 4. Tony Morell (Britain) 1:45.13.

Men's long jump: 1. Larry Myricks (US) 8.38 metres; 2. Mike Powell 8.13; 3. Yusuf Ali (Nigeria) 7.82.

Women's high jump: 1. Silvia Costa (Cuba) 2.00 metres; 2. Jan Wolschlag (US) 1.89; 3. Ludmila Andonova (Bulgaria) 1.84.

Men's 200 metres: 1. Danny Everett (US) 20.17 seconds; 2. James Butler (US) 20.25; 3. Daron Council (US) 20.82.

Men's 400 metres hurdles: 1. Andre Phillips (US) 48.27; 2. Danny Harris (US) 48.27; 3. Graham Wirthrop (Jamaica) 48.79.

Men's shot: 1. Werner Guntz (Switzerland) 28.18 Metres (equals Randy Barnes year's best); 2. Randy Barnes (US) 21.28; 3. Klaus Bodenmuller (Austria) 18.58.

Women's 400 metres hurdles: 1. Debbie Flintoff-King (Australia) 56.19; 2. Showanda Williams (US) 58.56; 3. Monika Shedi (Switzerland) 58.00.

Men's 100 metres hurdles: 1. Renaldo Nehemiah (US) 13.20; 2. Tomie Campbell (US) 13.27; 3. Jack Pierce (US) 13.56.

Women's 400 metres: 1. Grace Jackson (Jamaica) 51.09; 2. Diane Dixon (US) 51.58; 3. Rochelle Stevens (US) 51.60.

# Cardinals beat Reds Cubs refuse to quit

NEW YORK, Aug 30, (AP). After five innings yesterday, the Houston Astros led 9-0. Five innings later, they were 10-9 losers. The big reason: A Chicago Cubs team that has refused to quit all season.

"It's got to be our biggest victory so far," said Dwight Smith, whose one-out, based-loaded single in the 11th inning yesterday capped the first-place Cubs' remarkable comeback.

The Cubs are 2 1-2 games ahead of St Louis in the National League East. Rafael Ramirez hit a Grand Slam and drove in seven runs for Houston, which began the day four games behind San Francisco in the NL West and lost for the seventh time in eight tries.

Despite injuries to key players all season, the Cubs have stubbornly stayed on top, resisting challenges from Montreal, New York and St Louis.

In St Louis, Joe Magrant got his National League-leading 18th victory, winning his seventh straight decision as the Cardinals beat the Cincinnati Reds, 4-2, winning for the 12th time in 16 games.

The Pirates' Andy van Slyke drove in two runs, including an RBI double during a three-run first inning that sent the Pitts-

burgh Pirates over the Atlanta Braves 5-4.

In San Francisco, Von Hayes hit three home runs and drove in six runs, leading the Phillies over the Giants 6-1. The Giants lost for the fourth time in five games but remained four games ahead of Houston in the National League West. San Francisco has lost nine of 15, including six of the last seven at home.

The Met's David Cone got his ninth victory in 10 decisions as New York won a pitching duel with Los Angeles for the second straight game, defeating the Dodgers 2-1. On Monday night, Frank Viola outpitched Orel Hersher for a 1-0 victory in the first meeting of defending Cy Young winners.

**Results**

**American League**  
Oakland 19 New York 5  
Cleveland 3 Baltimore 1  
Boston 3 California 4  
Boston 13 California 4  
Toronto 3 Chicago 2  
Kansas City 12 Detroit 8  
Seattle 5 Milwaukee 3  
Texas 4 Minnesota 2

**National League**  
New York 2 Los Angeles 1  
Pittsburgh 5 Atlanta 1  
St Louis 10 Cincinnati 2  
Chicago 10 Houston 9  
San Diego 2 Montreal 1  
Philadelphia 6 San Francisco 1

# NFL suspends 13 players for steroid use

NEW YORK, Aug 30, (Reuters). In an unprecedented move in US sports, the National Football League yesterday imposed one-month suspensions on 13 players who tested positive for anabolic steroids.

The 13 included former pro bowl guard Ron Solt of the Philadelphia Eagles, defensive back Maurice Douglass of the Chicago Bears and three members of the Buffalo Bills — linebacker Matt Javorski, running back Sean Doctor and his brother, linebacker Tom Doctor.

Solt, who was named to the pro bowl in 1987 with Indianapolis, is recuperating from surgery on both knees.

All 13 have been barred from their club until at least September 27, which means they will miss the first three games of the regular season.

The other players are offensive linemen Mike Arey and Keith Uecker of the Green Bay Packers, defensive end Mark Mraz of the Los Angeles Raiders, tight end Vernon Kirk of the Los Angeles Rams, running back Vince Amola and wide receiver Bobby Riley of the New York Jets, and running back Keith Henderson and nose tackle Rollin Putzier of the San Francisco 49ers.

# Suhonen takes student title in style

## Ghican scores easy win in 10,000 metres



Two US players celebrate their 88-80 win over Soviets in the final of Student Games' basketball tourney. (Reuters wirephoto)

DUISBURG, West Germany, Aug 30, (Reuters). Former European indoor champion Ari Suhonen of Finland produced a dramatic late finish to win the men's 800 metres title in his last three strides at the World Student Games yesterday.

Suhonen, 1988 European indoor 1,500 metres champion, pipped tiring Ikem Billy, Britain's pre-race favourite, on the line to win in one minute 47.13 seconds.

Billy, fastest in the heats, led from the break and appeared to be heading for victory after he broke clear 150 metres out. But the 25-year-old Briton tied up some 30 metres from the finish as Suhonen came through in the last few metres.

Billy, who clocked 1:47.29, said a pre-race accident during his warm-up had hampered his preparations for the race.

"I turned my ankle when I slipped down a hole during the warm-up and lost quite a lot of my preparation time getting it treated," he said afterwards. "That is the first time I have tied up all season."

The 23-year-old Finn's dramatic victory was the highlight of the penultimate day of the nine-day games during which double

Olympic champion Roger Kingdom of the US cruised easily into the final of the 110 metres hurdles.

Kingdom, who set a world record of 12.92 seconds in Zurich earlier this month, won his heat and semifinal in 13.36 and 13.32 respectively. He is bidding for his first World Student Games title here.

Romania's Viorica Ghican made up for her second place in the 3,000 metres on Sunday with an emphatic victory in the women's 10,000 metres final.

The 24-year-old Romanian injected a 72-15th lap to break away from the field and went on to win in 31 minutes 46.43 seconds ahead of Masimi Ishizaka of Japan.

Larisa Nikitina, runner-up at the 1987 world championships, took the heptathlon for the Soviet Union with a total of 6,847 points ahead of West German Sabine Braun on 6,575.

Australia's Jane Flemming, seventh at last year's Seoul Olympics, was a disappointing third with 6,286.

Italy's Ileana Salvador, who set the world best mark of 20 minutes 27.00

seconds for the women's track five km walk earlier this year, won over that distance here in a race which involved a stretch out of the Main Wadai stadium in 30:44 seconds.

After being shut out of the golds on Monday, Kamy Keshmiry gave the American team its only medal of the day by winning the men's discus throw with a toss of 65.40 metres. It was the fourth gold medal for the United States at the Games.

Erik de Bruin of the Netherlands won the silver with a throw of 64.40, while Roberto Moya of Cuba was third at 63.78.

Igor Lapshin of the Soviet Union was the only competitor to clear 17 metres in the triple jump. All of his four valid jumps were over 17, and his second effort of 17.40 gave him the gold medal.

Tord Henriksson of Sweden was second at 16.94, while the bronze went to Oleg Sakirkin of the Soviet Union at 16.93.

The final gold medal of the day went to Larisa Nikitina of the Soviet Union, who won the two-day heptathlon contest with 6,847 points, a meet record.

# Kasparov triumphs

SKELLEFTEA, Sweden, Aug 30, (Reuters). Soviet world chess champion Garry Kasparov beat his compatriot Rafael Vaganian last evening and clinched victory in the World Cup series of tournaments.

After winning the Swedish event, the last of a series contested by 16 of the world's best players, Kasparov cannot now be caught by any of his rivals, although there are still three rounds left to play.

Kasparov dispatched Vaganian in 43 moves while his arch rival, former world champion Anatoly Karpov, had a tough time fending off Soviet grandmaster Mikhail Tal to hold on to a draw.

Britain's Nigel Short moved up to join Karpov in second place after a convincing win over Yugoslav Predrag Nikolic.

Results of round 12:  
Gyula Sax (Hungary) drew with Yasser Seirawan (United States); Ulf Andersson (Sweden) drew with Zoltan Ribli (Hungary); Garry Kasparov beat Rafael Vaganian (both Soviet



Garry Kasparov

Union); Valery Salov beat Jaan Ehivest (both Soviet Union); Nigel Short (Britain) beat Lajos Portisch (Hungary); Victor Korchnoi (Switzerland) beat Robert Hubner (West Germany); Mikhail Tal drew with Anatoly Karpov (both Soviet Union).  
Standings: Kasparov — 8 points; Karpov, Short — 7.5; Seirawan, Salov — 7; Andersson, Portisch — 6.5.



## SPORTS

## Yugoslavs sue Celtics over Radja signing

BOSTON, Aug. 30. (Reuters): European Cup basketball champions Yugoslavians yesterday filed a multimillion dollar lawsuit against the Boston Celtics for signing Dino Radja, one of the stars of the Yugoslav team.

In the suit filed in a federal court, Yugoslavians accused the Celtics of inducing Radja, 21, to break a four-year contract with the Yugoslav club.

The suit described Radja as the cornerstone of the team and alleged that the club had been damaged by the Celtics' interference in their contract with the player.

Since joining the team in the 1984-85 season as its starting centre, Radja has led the League in scoring and helped the Yugoslav national team to win the European Championship and a silver medal at the last year's Seoul Olympics.

## Evert takes Fulco to task

Connors brushes aside Nijssen

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (UPI): Chris Evert, making her farewell appearance at the tournament that launched her to stardom, wore down Bettina Fulco, 6-4, 6-2, on a wet, overcast afternoon yesterday to gain the second round of the US Open.

Since reaching the semifinals as a 16-year-old in 1971, Evert has won the championship six times while failing only once to gain the semi. However, she admitted she wasn't match-tough and said, "it would be almost a miracle for me to win this tournament. It would be beyond my wildest dreams."

The victory was the 98th for Evert at the US Open, a record for men or women. Her next opponent will be Elise Burgin, a 7-5, 6-4 winner over Lori McNeil.

"In the first round all you want to do is get by," the 34-year-old third seed said. "I certainly didn't impress myself much, but I was in the match and I concentrated well."

Knocking down the image that she will turn into a housewife, Evert joked, "I'm not going to be washing the pots and pans. I'll pay someone to do it."

Jimmy Connors, winner of the Open five times, routed Tom Nijssen of the Netherlands, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2. The 36-year-old left-hander has lost 16 pounds in the last month.



Evert (left) returns the ball while Edberg watches the ball before hitting a backhand shot. (Reuters wirephoto)

This was Connors' 103rd singles match at the US Open, moving him one head of Vic Seixas as the all-time men's leader.

Four-time Open champion Martina Navratilova, the second seed, swept the first eight games from qualifier Ei Iida of Japan and breezed to a 6-0, 6-2 victory in 46 minutes, while No. 3 Gabriela Sabatini required 12 minutes longer to rout West German Claudia Porwik, 6-1, 6-2.

Third seed Stefan Edberg defeated Javier Frana of Argentina, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 7-5; No. 6 Andre Agassi, hoping to compensate for a disappointing year, crushed Robbie Weiss, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5), 6-0; and No. 9 Tim Mayotte beat Marc Flur, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.

Two women's seeds, No. 9 Pam Shriver and No. 10 Mary Joe Fernandez, both were eliminated while No. 16 Hana Mandlikova had to survive a final set tie-break to earn a berth in the second round.

Shriver, enmeshed in the most unsettling season of her career, compounded her misery when she was knocked out by Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union, 6-2, 6-3. Shriver, known for her big serve, held her service merely twice against a rival who said two weeks ago she was considering retirement because of dissatisfaction with her play.

Fernandez, troubled by a sprained left ankle, lost to fellow American Wendy White, ranked No. 112 in the world, 6-4, 6-3, and Mandlikova, the 1985 champion, struggled for more than 2 hours and barely escaped with a 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (7-0) victory over West German Eva Pfaff.

Katerina Maleeva, the 14th seed, beat Ann Devries, 6-4, 6-1. Evert, serving effectively with a first serve rate of 77 per cent for the match, jumped to a 4-1 lead, but Fulco broke in the seventh game and drew even at 4-4.

Following an 18-minute rain delay, Evert took the final two games and then broke to a 4-1 lead in the second set, completing the match in an hour and 34 minutes.

Agassi, who has failed to win a tournament this year, served 10 aces, six of them in the second set, against Weiss, the 1988 NCAA singles champion at Pepperdine University.

"The US Open is where you look for something special," said Agassi, whose ranking has dropped from No. 3 to No. 6. "To do well here, regardless how I'm playing this year, would mean a lot to me."

In addition to her poor play this year, Shriver recently lost Navratilova as her doubles partner, and a few days ago failed to gain re-election to the board of the Women's International Tennis Association.

"I've tried to kick-start the engine a couple of times, and then I actually got it going," Shriver said.

## Permanent Games ban proposed for cheats

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug. 30. (Reuters): A call for a permanent Olympic ban on athletes caught using anabolic steroids at the Games is to be considered by Olympic leaders this week.

The proposal by Anita Defrantz, an American member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), is being studied by the IOC executive board and will be put to the full IOC session this week, officials said today.

"Athletes found guilty of doping have by that act forfeited their right to compete at the Games ever again," Defrantz said.

"You are an Olympian for life, no-one can change that. But you need to compete with honour and integrity and by using steroids, which is an intentional act, you forfeit that right. No one uses steroids by accident," Defrantz, a former Olympic rowing medalist, added.

Under existing rules, drug suspensions of varying periods are imposed by the international federations governing each sport.

Athletes become eligible to compete in the Olympics again after they have served their suspension.

Finland's Martti Vainio was allowed to run in last year's Seoul Games despite being disqualified from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and stripped of his 10,000 metres silver medal for using steroids.

Ten athletes were thrown out of the Seoul Games for doping, including 100 metres winner Ben Johnson of Canada.

But IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, a vigorous opponent of doping, has said Johnson would be welcome at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics when he has served his current two-year suspension.

As well as those disqualified in Seoul, further experimental drug checks on urine samples taken at the Games have shown that at least 50 other male athletes used steroids before the Olympics.

Because the tests were unofficial, no action is to be taken against these competitors, who have not been identified.

Defrantz's proposal is not intended to be retroactive.

"The IOC will need to study this question further because it is such a big issue. It is not simply a 'yes or no' question. It is much more complicated than that," IOC information director Michele Verdier said.

## Elliott and Cram to duel for Games spot

LONDON, Aug. 30. (AP): Steve Cram and Peter Elliott will duel under the Australian sun to decide which of them runs the 1,500 metres for England at next year's Commonwealth Games, it was announced today.

The sudden-death run-off between Olympic silver medalist Elliott and defending Commonwealth champion Cram over the metric mile will take place at a track meet in Australia just before next January's Games in Auckland, New Zealand.

One of the two middle distance aces also will be chosen to run the 800 metres at the Games, if desired.

News of the head-to-head

clash was broken by England's selectors, who made a couple of other controversial choices in the England men's team for Auckland.

There is no place for world 110-metre hurdles silver medalist Jon Ridgeon, overlooked in favour of Tony Jarrett, while John Regis has been preferred to Europe's top sprinter Linford Christie in the 200 metres.

The race-off between Cram and Elliott, originally suggested by Elliott himself, will decide the last place in the blue ribbon event of the Auckland Games.

It could not be held this season because Cram is out of training because of a calf injury and will

take place after the team flies to Australia, "two or three weeks" before the Games begin.

"It was an unprecedented situation and this sort of run-off thousands of miles from England is an unprecedented solution," said Tony Ward, spokesman for British Athletics.

He said the selectors discussed the idea with both men and felt it was the fairest method of deciding.

"They felt Elliott's suggestion of a run-off was particularly magnanimous and typical of the man, especially because he's the one who's fit and in-form."

"But Cram, at his best, is one of the world's greatest athletes,

and it is fitting that he is given a chance to still prove it," Ward said.

The selectors have also left open the remaining "wild card" place in the 800 metres — and have decided that either Cram or Elliott should fill that spot too.

Neither man is particularly keen on running the two-lap event but officials hope they may change their minds once the runners are in Australia with the Games almost upon them.

"Clearly, if they are both in form over 1,500 metres by the time of the run-off, they will also be capable of running well over 800 metres."

## Australia regain Ashes by sticking to principles

LONDON, Aug. 30. (Reuters): An unwavering adherence to basic principles has seen Allan Border's Australians crush their oldest cricketing enemy 4-0 and become the first Australian side in 65 years to win back the Ashes in England.

"It's the highlight of my career," Border said following the final day's play in the sixth Test at the Oval. "No question about it, especially as a captain."

For once in a glorious summer, the sun did not shine yesterday.

But the day's events were depressingly familiar to English fans as they watched their team struggle to 143 for five in their second innings before bad light brought play to a premature close.

Border delayed declaring his second innings until lunch, leaving England to score a highly improbable 403 runs to win.

The streak of steel so evident in the Australian skipper's personality showed briefly when he was asked if he had left the declaration too late.

"Nope," he replied. "I didn't give England any chance whatsoever."

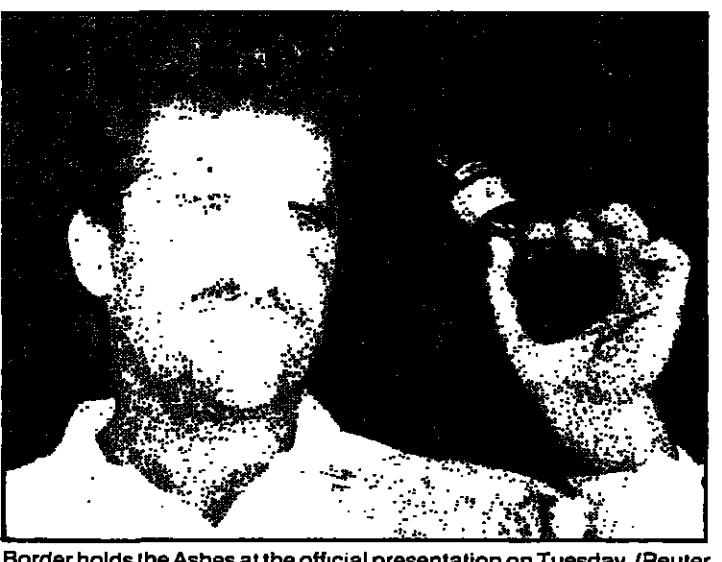
Success was particularly sweet for Border who signed off in what could be his last Test in England with an unbeaten 51, his sixth half-century of the series.

"We want to enjoy the moment as much as possible," he said. "But then we had better set our sights again. Now we have set standards we have got to keep to them."

Yesterday's play illustrated the essential difference between the two sides.

The Australians performed the basic skills correctly and completely the Englishmen did not.

The cavalier Dean Jones hit 50 off 69 balls without taking undue



Border holds the Ashes at the official presentation on Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

risks and Border's innings, although full of improvisation, did not give the bowlers any hint of fallibility.

It was a different story when England batted.

Graham Gooch, their vastly experienced opening batsman, has had a nightmare series against Terry Alderman, culminating in a third ball duck in the first innings.

Yesterday Gooch was determined to play Alderman off the front foot as much as possible to nullify the Australian's late swing.

The intent was sound, the execution faulty. After scoring 10, Gooch went to drive to Alderman, failed to get his foot to the ball and it flew off an outside edge straight back to the grateful bowler.

David Gower's dismissal was even more predictable. His propensity for firm-footed slashes outside the off stump was exploited to the full by Geoff Lawson and the England captain

duly departed caught in the gully for seven.

Gower was alternately defensive and flippant at his news conference.

"Disaster always implies something along the lines of the Titanic," he replied to one questioner. "And so far as I know no lives have been lost."

Chairman of selectors Ted Dexter, asked if he regretted any errors that he had made, "he said.

Both men, rightly, insisted they were concentrating on the future. But neither gave any indication that they had learned anything from an Australian side whose skills and sportsmanship brightened the summer.

Alderman, undisputedly, was the player of the series. He captured five or more wickets in an innings six times and finished with 41 wickets.

Above all, his bowling was a triumph of craftsmanship, showing that swing and seam can be every bit as effective in an opening bowler as sheer pace.



Australian cricketer Merv Hughes sprays champagne after conclusion of the series. Carl Rackemann (right), Terry Alderman (left) and Tim May join in the celebration. (Reuters wirephoto).

England and Australia Test averages															
Batting (tabulate under matches, innings, not outs, total, highest score, average):															
AUSTRALIA							ENGLAND								
Steve Waugh	5	8	4	506	177	not out	126.50	Kim Barnett	3	5	0	141	80	28.20	
Mark Taylor	6	11	3	839	219		83.90	Nick Cook	3	5	3	45	31	22.50	
Allan Border	6	9	3	442	80		72.66	Phil Newport	1	2	0	44	36	22.00	
Dean Jones	6	9	1	566	157		70.75	Graham Dilley	2	3	1	42	24	21.00	
David Boon	6	11	3	442	94		55.25	Chris Broad	2	4	0	82	37	20.50	
Trevor Holmes	5	5	1	127	40		31.75	Graham Gooch	5	9	0	183	68	20.33	
Geoff Marsh	6	11	0	347	138		31.54	Mike Atherton	2	4	0	73	47	18.25	
Geoff Lawson	6	5	1	115	74		28.75	John Stephenson	1	2	0	36	25	18.00	
Merv Hughes	6	5	0	127	71		25.40	Nail Fothergill	3	6	2	68	39	17.00	
Terry Alderman	6	4	3	20	8		20.00	Tim Curran	3	5	0	71	41	14.20	
Ian Healy	6	7	1	103	44		17.16	Ian Botham	3	5	0	62	46	12.40	
Greg Campbell	Played one match - did not bat							Philip DeFreitas	1	2	0	22	21	11.00	
ENGLAND								Mike Gatting	1	2	0	22	22	11.00	
Alan Lamb	1	2	0	129	125		64.50	Derek Pringle	2	3	33	27	11.00		
Robin Smith	5	10	1	553	143		61.44	David Capel	1	2	0	21	17	10.50	
Gladstone Small	1	1	0	39	39		39.00	Angus Fraser	1	2	0	47	29	9.40	
Jack Russell	6	11	3	314	128	not out	39.25	Malcolm Dixon	1	2	0	18	18	9.00	
Eddie Hemmings	1	2	0	73	38		36.50	Devon Malcolm	1	1	0	14	9	7.00	
David Gower	6	11	0	383	106		34.81	Tim Robinson	1	2	0	12	12	6.00	
John Embury	3	5	1	151	64		32.75	Chris Tavaré	1	1	0	2	2	2.00	
Bowling (tabulate under overs, maidens, runs, wickets, average, five wickets in a match, 10 wickets in a match, best figures):															
AUSTRALIA							ENGLAND								
Terry Alderman	270.2	68	712	41	17.36	6	1-128	Alan Iqbaldeen	37.0	3	146	3	48.66	0	2.91
Trevor Holmes	139.0	53	300	11	27.27	0	0-59	Gladstone Small	60.0	12	198	4	49.50	0	3.141
Geoff Lawson	277.1	68	791	29	27.27	1	0-72	David Capel	24.0	2	101	2	50.50	0	1.35
Merv Hughes	189.2	38	615	19	32.36	0	0-47	Nick Cook	103.5	23	282	5	56.40	0	2.91
Steve Waugh	57.0	15	286	2	104.00	0	1-38	Derek Pringle	86.0	12	306	5	61.20	0	4.70
Greg Campbell	24.0	0	124	1	124.00	0	1-42	Graham Dilley	85.0	12	318	5	63.60	0	2.123
ENGLAND								Graham Gooch	31.0	9	72	1	72.00	0	1.30
Neil Foster	167.0	42	421	12	35.08	0	0-39	Philip DeFreitas	63.3	10	216	3	72.00	0	2.143
Angus Fraser	144.2	30	323	9	35.88	0	0-43	Ian Botham	80.0	15	241	3	30.33	0	2.43
John Embury	152.0	37	342	8	42.75	0	0-48	Phil Newport	44.0	7	175	2	87.50	0	2.123
AUSTRALIA								Paul Jarvis	69.2	8	280	2	140.00	0	1.20
Kim Barnett	3	5	0	141	80		28.20	Devon Malcolm	44.0	2	166	1	166.00	0	1.166
Nick Cook	3	5	3	45	31		22.50								
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